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World-wide advertising for coach

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE Australian Soccer Federation executive last weekend voted to advertise world-wide for the position of Australian national coach.

ASF chairman Ian Brusasco announced the post would be advertised next month.

Frank Arok, whose contract with the ASF expires in July, will have to apply like everyone else if he is still interested in the job.

It is not known whether National Director of Coaching Eddie Thomson, who has expressed interest in holding the position of national coach concurrently with his present post, will also apply.

The ASF took several other decisions in Sydney over the weekend where the five commissioners met on Friday and the executive on Saturday.

They include:

- A five-match tour of Europe by the under 23 Olympic team in September to prepare for next year's qualifying rounds of the Barcelona Olympics.

- Selection of the squad is expected to be made in March.

- Approval, however, is subject to Wales bringing its world-class players — Neville Southall, Mark Hughes and Ian Rush — to Australia.

- And last, but not least, the ASF voted to implement a development fee which will bring in an estimated \$400,000.

- Agreement to stage the 1993 Youth World Cup for under 20s in Australia.

Australia was to organise the 1995 series but FIFA took the 1991 tournament away from Nigeria and Portugal, originally selected as the 1993 site, stepped into the breach.

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Close, but no cigar ... Torpedo Moscow's classy goalkeeper, Valeri Sarichev, the man of the match last Friday, denies Australia's Abbas Saad. Torpedo beat the rusty Socceroos 2-0 at the Sydney Football Stadium — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

Exciting new competition starts Saturday

THE SBS TV Multicultural Australian Championship supported by Aerolineas Argentinas will kick off next Saturday on the Australia Day weekend at St George Stadium.

Eight Sydney communities will participate in the SBS Cup, featuring many of the leading players outside of the leading NSL stars.

The competitors in the Aerolineas Argentinas-supported championships, which will be played every Saturday from January 27 till the final on February 24 are Greece, Cyprus, Portugal, Argentina, Uruguay, Sydney Macedonia,

Italy and Turkey.

Four matches will be staged, the first kicking off at 2.30pm, the last match starting at 8.30pm — four games for \$5 admission for adults and \$2 pensioners and children under 16.

A feature of the SBS Cup will be an international food fair behind the main grandstand, with food of the various competing nations.

The draw for Saturday's first round is:
Sydney Macedonia v Greece 2.30pm
Turkey v Uruguay 4.30pm
Portugal v Argentina 6.30pm
Italy v Cyprus 8.30pm

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Sacking puzzles "Hendo"

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

FOR the first time since coming to this country 13 years ago, former Socceroo and Marconi captain Tony Henderson must be wondering if a long and celebrated career is finally coming to an end.

After nearly 300 NSL appearances, first with Canberra City then at Bossley Park — and no less than 51 matches in the green and gold, "Hendo" decided to call it a day following that classic 1988 grand final at Parramatta Stadium when he gave Marconi its first championship since 1979 with a dramatic match-winning penalty in the deadlock-breaking shoot-out.

No-one had worked harder for that success, nobody was more deserving of it.

Being part of the club's first-ever title-winning side in his debut season at Bossley Park, then clinching it again with his very last kick in National League football was little less than a story straight out of a comic book.

But Henderson could not bring himself to get out of soccer completely.

He accepted an offer to take up a player-coach position with newly promoted State League club, Avala last season, guiding them into the top four at his first attempt.

"That was the highest position the club has ever reached," Henderson said last week, "and I was looking forward to



TONY HENDERSON — hero of Marconi's 1988 grand final triumph.

giving QNSL promotion

placed. I've seen some strange things in football over the years but this just about tops the lot," he said.

Under Henderson, the ambitious Avala was edged out of making the big league by a powerful Melita Eagles after former Apia coach Mike Urukalo had brought them into State League the previous year.

"To be quite honest, we were not yet ready for the NSL then," Henderson admitted, "but this time it's an entirely different proposition.

"With Melita already promoted, any one of a number of clubs can win it and with last year's experience under their belts Avala has as good a chance as any. I was

really looking forward to the challenge but in their wisdom, the committee decided on bringing back Urukalo.

"Good luck to him, for the sake of a great bunch of lads I hope he can do it."

Having just had his 36th birthday a few days ago, the former "Captain Socceroo" does not think that his playing days are over.

"Far from it," he stressed, "as a matter of fact I wouldn't mind concentrating on simply playing this year.

"I can always return to coaching sometime in the future. I'm on a special diet which will quickly help me shed a few kilos and by the time the league kicks off in April, I'll be more than ready for it," he promised.

At this stage, Henderson is not yet certain where, or indeed if, he'll be playing this year.

"I've only just come back from holidays and have not had time to give it much thought", he confessed.

"I want to concentrate on getting myself fit and be fully prepared if something turns up."

"This is a strange experience for me as I can't even remember the last time that I had no firm plans so close to a new season. I'll just wait and see what happens."

As he proved so conclusively with Avala last year, Henderson still has much to offer on the field and has the backing of his vast experience as he continues to develop a new career in coaching.

Although there's a lot of uncertainty as to where his soccer future lies, you can rest assured that we have not seen the last of big 'Hendo' just yet.

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Fleming will coach Ilinden

BY ANTE GRABOVAC

FORMER Wollongong City coach, John Fleming has reappeared in a coaching position, taking the helm at NSW State League club Rockdale Ilinden.

Fleming, who resigned as Wollongong's coach after not parting on amicable terms with the committee, has taken the position to try and revive the struggling State League club.

Ilinden are hoping that Fleming's outstanding record will bring the club dividends in their quest for National League status.

After winning the State League in 1987 with Wollongong, he reinstated the club into the National League for the 1988 season.

He then guided a club which was tipped by many for relegation to the 1988 minor premiership with a playing list of relative unknowns.

It must be said that Harry Michaels also aided the club by bringing out guest players such as Alan Brazil to boost the side.

Unfortunately, the Wolves could not go on with the job as they failed in both semi-final appearances to Sydney Croatia and Marconi respectively.

By the way, who could forget the classic grand final that Marconi and Croatia eventually

played out?

In 1989, the Wolves finished a respectable ninth after staring at relegation early in the season, although this was disappointing after virtually the same side had won the minor premiership a year earlier.

Now that the Macedonian-backed Ilinden club have gained his services, they are hoping to improve their relatively poor record in recent years.

Throughout the 80s, Rockdale's best three achievements were winning the Second Division championship in 1983, winning the grand final in 1984 and bringing to Australia Macedonian ace Zlatko Nastevski, who eventually landed at Marconi.

Rockdale had previously been negotiating with former Preston and current Vardar Skopje coach, Andon Donevski, but unfortunately for the club, Donevski will still be committed to Vardar and thus could not return to Australia to coach the club.

Former Wollongong City goalkeeper Warwick Young has also joined the club and will be a worthy addition to a skillful and yet uncompromising team looking for better luck in the 90s and hopefully National League status.

CANBERRA NEEDS AN NSL TEAM

IF ever the position of soccer in the national capital of Canberra could be seen — or not seen — it was in the current issue of the widely circulated Canberra Visitor newspaper.

Under the heading of "Spectator Sports" were listed the ACT Australian Football League (Australian rules), Canberra Cannons (basketball), and Canberra Raiders (rugby league).

Not a mention of senior soccer, no doubt because it is not represented in national competition.

Whilst the former Canberra City NSL club led a checkered existence, it was overcoming its debt problems when the NSL set up a relegation system for 1986 that saw Canberra drop by the wayside.

It was argued at the time that clubs got treated on their ability, but in the background was a scarcely concealed but erroneous wish to largely confine the NSL to Melbourne and Sydney.

The Australian Soccer Federation now has to face a decision whether there are funds and a ground available to get Canberra back on its feet.

This could be as part of a restructured NSL, which also must include Newcastle and Brisbane.

If Canberra cannot be resurrected immediately, then the soccer leaders of the ACT must be invited to get their act together for a future submission, drawing support from all sections of the ACT community.

This must surely be one of the vital elements of the ASF's current management study.

— PHIL MARTIN

Robbie Dunn's in Hong Kong

BY RICHARD KREIDER

FORMER Socceroo stalwart Robbie Dunn will play in the Hong Kong professional league this year.

He will turn out for South China FC, Hong Kong's oldest and best credentialled club, who toured Australia in the pre-World War II days.

The opportunity for Dunn to join South China FC came when he was recently up there representing Australia in an international 7-a-side tournament.

South China are the current league leaders as they near the halfway point of their season, four points clear of nearest rivals Lai Sun whom Dunn played in his opening game on January 21.

Dunn admitted the money offered proved too much of a dangling carrot, but he is ex-

pected to return to Perth Italia who have only placed him on loan for the four-month stint away.

Dunn will team up with ex-Glasgow Rangers striker John Spencer.

20,000 expected for Perth match

SUNDAY'S WA-Torpedo clash will be played at the WACA, not Perry Lakes Stadium.

Western Super Soccer League chief executive Nick Geronimos has advised that over 4000 tickets have already been pre-sold.

He is anticipating a 20,000 attendance on the day, with under 16s being given free entry.

The clash is not surprisingly collecting a fair amount of interest. Singer and soccer addict Elton John has been given the opportunity to kick-off the match. However, his presence at the WACA ground will only last up until half-time as he has a concert to perform that same night. Kick-off is at 7pm.

— RICHARD KREIDER

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Changes likely after double-round

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

THE Australia Day weekend marks the half-way point of the Quit National Soccer League's inaugural summer season and the double-round will be a real test for clubs involved in top five and relegation battles.

Melbourne Croatia face by far the toughest task of the front-runners, away to leaders Apia on Friday and backing up to play the in-form Preston at Connor Reserve on Monday, the official Australia Day holiday in Victoria.

The clash at Lambert Park should be a cracker with Melbourne Croatia and Apia netting 15 goals between them in their last two matches.

Melbourne Croatia is almost back to full strength but coach Ivan Razjnevich is playing his

cards close to his chest with regards to the expected line-ups for the weekend.

John Markovski is back but must pass a fitness test, while Francis Awaritefe returns from suspension to partner Zeljko Adzic who made a welcome return with a brace of goals against Adelaide City.

Razjnevich expects a tough encounter with the new leaders and accepts that Melbourne Croatia will go into the game as underdogs.

Preston will also prove a hard nut to crack in the Melbourne



Preston's Steve Smith celebrates his goal against Blacktown last Friday, much to the dismay of goalkeeper Bill Londos. Can he strike again in Round 13 and 14? — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

derby on Monday.

With three wins on the trot, Preston have forced their way into the top five despite suffering from a spate of injuries in recent weeks.

Derby

Ian Roodhouse and George Slifkas returned against Blacktown but star striker Warren Spink could be out for a while.

Although Melbourne Croatia looks to have the fire power, Preston remain unbeaten at home this season and a draw looks the most likely result in what should be a real crowd-pleaser.

Preston too face a difficult weekend as they take on champions Marconi on Friday, also at home.

Marconi are still not in groove and their chances at Preston will depend on their sick list.

Fred de Jong will be on national duty for the New Zealand side in the King's Cup and with Zlatko Nastevski still under a cloud Marconi could be struggling up front.

Once again, this match will be tight, Marconi have been reasonably successful at Preston in the past and this season have lost only once away from home.

Crowd

The crowds should flock to St George Stadium on Sunday when old rivals Sydney Olympic and Marconi do battle in a match vital to both sides.

Marconi must keep in touch with leaders Apia while Olympic needs both points to stay in the top five.

While Marko Perinovic has been Olympic's best striker since Abbas Saad's relative decline, Scott Ollerenshaw is yet to deliver the goods and the side has scored only twice and have not won in their last four matches.

Missing from Olympic will be Robert Ironside, also in Thailand for the King's Cup, and coach Mick Hickman must come up with a formula to stop the rot or be overrun by the hot

and cold Marconi.

First up Olympic should be too strong for Blacktown, also at St George Stadium on Friday, the Demons having lost their last three matches and conceded 10 goals in the process.

Zarko Odzakov remains their main hope to avoid relegation this season but Blacktown have never taken a point from Olympic away from home.

The Demons' problems should deepen as anything less than an Olympic win would be considered an upset.

Blacktown must take at least a point from fellow-strugglers St George on Sunday.

Gabbie

At the Gabbie Blacktown will start slight favourites but the Saints will be desperate for points to have any chance at the top five.

Frank Arok, the Saints' mastermind, will miss the services of clever midfielder Stephen Knight out suspended, but must be happy with the form of custodian John Filan who has saved the Saints in recent weeks and could be

the difference at the Gabbie.

On Friday, St George face the daunting task of travelling to South Melbourne, who remain unbeaten at Middle Park this season.

Although Souths have not scored in their last two matches, Peter Tsolakis has been in outstanding form and with Paul Trimble hopefully fully fit again and captain Angie Postecoglou back on deck, South Melbourne should take both points.

On Sunday, Souths must travel to Sydney where they would again be favoured to take the points against Sydney Croatia.

Despite a fine win at Wollongong last week Croatia still have their problems and it remains to be seen if new coach Tony Vrzina has found the right blend.

The overworked Graham Arnold is in great touch while David Seal is proving the best finisher for the Croatian club, but the Puskas-led South Melbourne may be too strong.

On Friday evening, Croatia face another tough hurdle against the

much improved Melita at home.

Conceding no goals and without a loss in their last five outings, Melita should be narrow favourites to continue their run, with Sergio Falce reaching match fitness to partner in-form striker Greg Brown and the effervescent Lenny Vial.

For the return bout of the "Maltese derby", Melita travel to Sunshine George Cross determined to avenge the 2-0 loss in Round 1.

After a solid start Sunshine have fallen apart without a win in their last five matches, but they played exceptionally well to draw at Adelaide Hellas last weekend.

Suffering from the losses of Ossie Latif and Craig Foster, Sunshine must have Ernie Tapai slotting into the creator's role while goalscorer mid-fielder David Clarkson has added class to sustain Georgie's midfield with the absence of Foster.

Despite playing away from home, the improving Melita should take at least a point.

On Friday Sunshine play host to Wollongong in a match that will see the loser slip away from the top five. The Wolves' creative mid-fielder Zivko Hristovski made a welcome return last week and should be back in the groove while David Batten was sold to Sydney Croatia during the week.

Wollongong have won only once in their last seven matches and a draw is the more likely result here.

Double-header

A tougher task awaits the Wolves on Sunday when they travel to Hindmarsh to take on the high-flying Adelaide City in the second match of a double-header.

Adelaide City have not lost for four matches and despite a horrid injury list, should be too strong.

The long-awaited Adelaide derby kicks off tonight at Hindmarsh Stadium with City the favourites in what should be a typical tough encounter for both sides as Adelaide bragging rights are at stake.

Hellas, with the introduction of Richard Miranda and Billy Wright, may have found their lifeline and have picked up three points from their last two games.

APIA visit Hindmarsh on Sunday to play bottom side Hellas with the earlier kick-off of 6pm.

With Alex Bundalo in brilliant form and Rod Brown back from injury and already finding the target it may be a formality for the league leaders who have not lost since Round 2.

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Points intact until appeal

LAST weekend's QNSL Round 12 results and the possibility of South Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia being stripped of two points if their appeals are dismissed, have wrought havoc in the standings.

As any sentence is held in abeyance until the outcome of an appeal is known, both clubs retain their full complement of points.

These mundane matters do not concern Apia who, would you believe, have streaked to a two-point lead over Marconi, the team they beat last Sunday.

South Melbourne remain in third place until their appeal has been decided, ditto for Melbourne Croatia's fifth place.

Sydney Olympic, despite their continuing slump, Adelaide City and the resurgent Preston will be the big beneficiaries should Souths and Croatia lose two points.

Melita Eagles' spectacular climb up the ladder continues. They now head a tight field with only two points separating eighth-placed Melita from third-last Sydney Croatia.

Blacktown's position deteriorates with each passing week.

They now share last place with Adelaide Hellas, but the latter are showing signs of improvement while the Demons are going from bad to worse.

Boosted by the big crowd at Marconi Stadium, total attendance last weekend was over the 25,000 mark and "summer" crowds are way above last season's.

— LOU GAUTIER



QUEENSLAND SOCCER FEDERATION

The Queensland Soccer Federation wishes to appoint a Director of Coaching for the Rockhampton Region.

Applicants must possess at least ASF Level III accreditation.

The successful applicant will join an existing group of Regional coaches in Queensland, working under the control of the State Director of Coaching.

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Applications close: February 9th, 1990

ASW man 'banned'

JOHN Economos, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY'S reporter at the Sydney Olympic v St George game last Sunday, was arbitrarily denied access to the Olympic dressing room to interview Mick Hickman after the match.

When ASW's acting editor spoke last night to Sydney Olympic president Mr George Pashalis to seek a reason for the unprecedented ban, he pleaded ignorance.

He then contacted Mick Hickman, who also was unaware of the ban and upset over the incident.

The "official" who



John Economos

impeded ASW's man at the match did so on his own accord, without the sanction of Olympic's board of directors.

Quit National League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Apia Leichhardt	12	7	4	1	19	8	18
Marconi	12	6	4	2	24	11	16
South Melbourne	12	6	3	3	17	9	15
Sydney Olympic	12	6	2	4	19	9	14
Melbourne Croatia	12	5	4	3	22	14	14
Adelaide City	12	5	4	3	16	14	14
Preston Makedonia	12	6	2	4	14	12	14
Melita Eagles	12	4	3	5	8	11	11
Wollongong City	12	4	3	5	12	18	11
St George	12	3	4	5	15	22	10
Sunshine GC	12	3	4	5	15	22	10
Sydney Croatia	12	4	1	7	16	21	9
Blacktown City	12	2	2	8	14	26	6
Adelaide Hellas	12	2	2	8	12	26	6

Results

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Z. Adzic 2, J. Biskic) ADELAIDE CITY 3 (C. Veart, T. Vidmar, J. Mulien) at Somers Street Stadium. Crowd: 3441. BLACKTOWN CITY 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (R. Markovac, S. Smith, R. Momirovski) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 1402. MELITA EAGLES 1 (G. Brown) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 1891. ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (R. Blair) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (J. Campelj) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3624. SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 ST GEORGE 1 (T. Krslovic) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4172. MARCONI 1 (F. de Jong) APIA LEICHARDT 2 (R. Brown, S. Clinch) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 8365. WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (P. Brodnik) SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (D. Seal 2, M. Lamond) at Brandon Park. Crowd: 2344.

Crowds

ROUND 12: 25,239.
AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,606.
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 261,203.
AVERAGE PER ROUND: 21,766.

Top Scorers

Zlatko Nastevski	(Marconi)	11
Rod Brown	(Apia)	9
Joe Caleta	(Melb Croatia)	6
Abbas Saad	(Sydney Olympic)	6
Greg Brown (Melita)		5
Tony Krslovic (St George)		5
Ossie Latif (Sunshine)		5
Steve Smith (Preston)		5
Paul Trimboli (South Melb)		5
Carl Veart (Ad City)		5

Team of the Week

T. Pezzano (Apia)
B. Hiern (Adelaide Hellas)
A. Dean (St George)
M. O'Shea (St George)
B. Halliday (Apia)
V. Kupresak (Syd Croatia)
T. McCulloch (Marconi)
E. Tapai (Sunshine)
S. Smith (Preston)
M. Soper (Melita)
D. Lowe (Marconi)

Player of the Week



Ernie Tapai (Sunshine)



George Jolevski faces Charlie Yankos in this tense one on one situation at Toongabbie last Friday when Preston trounced Blacktown 3-0
— Photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

Woeful Demons

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

A workmanlike Preston Makedonia continued its late charge into semi-final contention with a comfortable 3-0 defeat of Blacktown City at the Gabbie on Saturday night and stretched the Demons' nightmare run to just one point from their last eight outings in the process.

Newly-appointed coach Walter Tamandl gambled heavily by omitting experienced defender Paul Carter from his side and leaving new Socceroo striker Zlatko Arambasic on the bench until half-time but by then Preston had already cruised to a match-winning 2-0 lead through goals from Robert Markovac and Steve Smith.

Although the visitors were forced to go into the match without the services of injured Oscar Crino, Warren Spink and Martin Woodall, they never really needed to get out of second gear in order to put paid to any hopes the Demons may have had of getting their first win in nearly two months.

It took Preston just six minutes to hit the front from its very first meaningful attack. A determined George Jolevski charged through on the left and his floated cross to the far post eluded a hopelessly out of position defence to find Markovac completely unmarked.

He finished off with a clinical right foot drive.

For all their running and chasing in the middle of the park, the Demons could not make any real headway against a composed Preston who were quite content to stroke the ball around and wait for the right time to hit back.

Blacktown only managed to create one real opportunity before the break when young John Gibson skirted the byeline and squared the ball to Ralph Maier to hurry his shot wide of the target from five metres in the 34th minute.

Preston got full reward for their patience five minutes before the break with a second goal that for all intents and purposes killed off the game.

Jolevski played a long ball behind a square-looking Blacktown defence after dispossessing Zarko Odzakov on half way and with Londos forced to come outside his area to clear the danger, the ball cannoned off Smith, leaving the big striker with little

Blacktown City

Londos	5
Murphy	6
Yankos	6
Reynolds	6
Northam	5
Longo	6
(Jee 70m)	5
Gibson	6
Maier	6
Gunning	5
Odzakov	6
Suman	4
Traianedes	6
Runje	6
Jolevski	7
Jackson	6
Piculovski	6
Temcev	5
(Bekiaris 85m)	5
Petrov	6
Slifkas	6
(Momirovski 77m)	6
Smith	7
Markovac	6
Zinni	6

Scorers: Markovac 6m, Smith 40m, Momirovski 80m for Preston.

Yellow cards: Northam 34m, Gunning 80m for Blacktown; Smith 55m, Zinni 72m, Jolevski 80m, Markovac 85m for Preston.

Referee: J. Ross 6.

Crowd: 1402.

trouble in finding an empty net for a decisive 2-0 half-time lead.

Blacktown replaced young rookie Stan Suman with Arambasic for the second period and for a quarter of an hour he single-handedly threatened to drag his side back into the match.

In a matter of a few minutes Arambasic should have pulled one back when he wriggled his way clear but blasted his final shot over the bar, then hit the post after beating Traianedes from outside the box seconds later.

From then on, and despite Odzakov's neat distribution, Preston simply closed up shop and waited for Blacktown to over-commit themselves.

Preston

Traianedes	6
Runje	6
Jolevski	7
Jackson	6
Piculovski	6
Temcev	5
(Bekiaris 85m)	5
Petrov	6
Slifkas	6
(Momirovski 77m)	6
Smith	7
Markovac	6
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Shock 1-0 win to St George

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

LOWLY PLACED ST George struggled to a shock 1-0 win over highly fancied Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium in a controversial match last Sunday which saw a dubious goal scored and seven yellow and one red card issued right on fulltime.

St George's second half replacement, Stephen Knight, was sent off right on fulltime by referee Gary Power and will be charged with elbowing Sydney Olympic captain and sweeper Robbie Hooker in the face.

Craig McGregor, Mike O'Shea, Davie Barrett, Zoran Ilic, Robbie Hooker, Grant Lee and Craig Moffitt were all booked as tempers flared through sheer frustration as both sides tried to break the deadlock.

Hero of the match was teenage St George goalkeeper John Filan who denied Olympic at least three certain goals with excellent saves.

Saints' trio of central defenders, Allan Dean, Mike O'Shea and sweeper Andy Kocza, also starred for their side.

St George scored the winner 17 minutes from fulltime through Tony Krslovic.

Deep-lying striker Matthew Bingley

pushed a throughball upfront to Krslovic who appeared in an off-side position when he scored.

Olympic defenders frantically raced to the sideline appealing to the linesman for the offence.

After a few seconds deliberation with his linesman, Power allowed the goal to stand.

Olympic only had themselves to blame as they hurried their shots at goal.

Striker Marko Perinovic could have scored twice.

Seconds before half-time he met a perfect cross from the right sent in by Grant Lee but a fully stretched Filan pulled off a world-class save.

In the 65th minute, Perinovic again had a golden chance after meeting a nicely measured cross from the left by midfielder John Koch, but this time his powerful point-blank header flashed straight into the grateful gloves of Filan.

Just three minutes before this, Olympic had another great opportunity as Filan could only partly block a Robbie Ironside shot.

With the loose ball rolling inside St George's box, Lee raced in to smash the ball into the empty net but Mike O'Shea cleared off the line.

St George

Filan	8
Green	6
Dean	7
O'Shea	7
Kocza	6
Harper	6
Moffitt	6
McGregor	6
Ilic	5
(Knight 71m, sent off)	5
Bingley	5
Krslovic	7
Saad	5

Sydney Olympic

Gosling	7
Barrett	5
Bernal	6
Hooper	6
Georgakis	5
Lee	6
Ironside	6
Phillips	6
Koch	5
(Refenes 78m)	5
Perinovic	6
Saad	5

Scorers: T. Krslovic 73m for St George.

Yellow cards: McGregor 20m, O'Shea 29m, Ilic 70m, Moffitt 88m for St George; Barrett 39m, Hooker 85m, Lee 88m for Sydney Olympic.

Red card: S. Knight 89m for St George.

Referee: G. Power 9.

Crowd: 4172.

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unanimous vote to support the levy on all registered players in Australia as the most far-reaching decision ever made by the ASF, chairman Brusasco said the levy would enable the national body to plan correctly for the future instead of the band-aid solutions forced upon the ASF in the past.

Apia wins thriller

BY FRANK SCICLUNA



Steve Smith, the scorer of Preston's second goal last Friday against Blacktown City, misses this time, courtesy of a brave Bill Londos dive — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

IF anyone had seriously predicted that Apia Leichhardt would be leading the competition at the half-way mark of the QNSL after completely restructuring

Marconi	APIA
Catlin.....	6
van Egmond.....	6
de Marigny.....	6
Calderan.....	6
Wheatley.....	6
Gray.....	5
McCulloch.....	7
Glavovic.....	5
(Colagiuri 73m)	
de Jong.....	7
Katholos.....	6
(P. Okon 50m)	
Lowe.....	8
Scorer: R. Brown 5m, Clinch 8m for Apia; de Jong 34m for Marconi.	
Yellow cards: Halliday 14m, Jennings 24m for Apia; de Jong 87m for Marconi.	
Referee: C. Cambridge 8.	
Crowd: 8365.	

their team at the end of last season, they would have surely been declared insane, yet after their dramatic 2-1 defeat of NSL champions Marconi at Bossley Park on Sunday night Manfred Schaefer's team holds a two point lead and pride of place at the top of the ladder.

In a thrilling encounter which kept the 8365 fans glued to the edge of their seats until the final whistle, Apia managed to hang on and grab the points after an explosive start gave them a shock two-goal lead after just eight minutes.

Marconi did not know what hit them during that period but were stung into action and came back strongly in a match which gave those lucky enough to be in attendance full value for their money.

With only five minutes gone and nerves on both sides clearly not yet settled, Rod Brown pushed a harmless looking ball to Brian Ellem who cleverly drew the entire Marconi defence towards him, allowing Brown to slip into the area and hammer home the return pass without a defender in sight.

Before the fans realised what was happening, Brown repeated the dose with another incisive run behind the Marconi defence and angled his low drive across the face of goal for an unmarked Shane Clinch to score from point-blank range and give Apia a totally unexpected 2-0 lead.

Instead of hitting the panic button, however, Marconi simply brushed this disastrous start aside and proceeded to turn on a display of siz-

zing football which had Apia stretched to the limit and forced goalkeeper Tony Pezzano to perform heroics for much of the remaining 80 minutes.

He combined with defender Bruce Halliday to first deny Peter Katholos, then Fred de Jong in quick succession in the 10th minute, and repeatedly saved his side when a series of ferocious Marconi raids created good opportunities for Senad Glavovic, David Lowe twice and Steve Calderan to get on the scoreboard.

But even Pezzano could not prevent a class goal created by Lowe in the 34th minute which set the match alight.

The little Marconi striker sent over a good far post cross to Ian Gray and although Pezzano managed to keep out his looping header, the ball fell perfectly for de Jong to measure his half-volley and slam high into the net.

Marconi were well and truly back into a pulsating match which was living up to all its high expectations.

For the remainder of the first period and much of the second Apia had to absorb tremendous pressure to retain their narrow lead.

McCulloch and Jean-Paul de Marigny went desperately close in a matter of five minutes after the break and Glavovic narrowly missed the target after McCulloch put him through in the 62nd minute.

Then substitutes Paul Okon and Vince Colagiuri combined to completely split the Apia defence 12 minutes from the end. Colagiuri was left with a golden opportunity to snatch a late and possibly deserved equaliser but hit his tame attempt straight into Pezzano's arms.

Sparkling 3-3 draw at Somers Street

BY GREG BLAKE



ROBERT ZABICA

IN 90 frustrating minutes at Somers Street last Saturday, Adelaide City showed why it could win this year's QNSL championship and then why it probably will not.

In an opening 45 minutes of vintage soccer Adelaide City style the injury-hit South Australians gave home side Melbourne Croatia a rare old thrashing but finally had to settle for a 3-3 draw.

In wave after breathtaking wave Adelaide City roved down the Somers Street reserve in packs, playing the ball first time to players in support sometimes five wide to either touchline.

It was classical Adelaide City — strength and stability in defence, defenders and midfielders prepared to support flowing forward moves and an intensity not matched by an equally as able home side.

City, without the likes of Tobin, Aurelio Vidmar and Shillabeer, was two goals up and coasting by the break.

Tony Vidmar's ninth minute close-range effort and a surging 41st minute run and cross by Declan Edge setting up Joe Mullen for number two, with Mullen angling the ball between keeper and far post with a deadly clinical finish, made it 2-0.

It might have been more. Carl Veart and Steve Maxwell were both thwarted by desperate last-gasp defence when goals looked certain.

But desperate situations require desperate measures and Croatia coach Ivan Raznjic, facing his third suc-

cessive home defeat, threw in two of his biggest guns on either side of half time to try and halt the slide.

Despite injury clouds over 'Gerry' Adzic and barnstorming Branko Milosevic, both were asked to come off the bench and turn the game.

Slowly the Croatia machine sputtered into

Melbourne Croatia	
Rados.....	4
Donnelly.....	6
Marth.....	5
Selemedes.....	4
Hannah.....	5
Talajic.....	5
Duzel	
(Adzic 34m, 6)	
Grbac.....	4
(Milosevic 61m)	
Biskic.....	6
Caleta.....	5
Kelic.....	4

Scorers: Biskic 61m, Adzic 62 & 84m for Melbourne Croatia; T. Vidmar 9m, Mullen 41m, Veart 62m for Adelaide City.

Yellow cards: Selemedes 22m for Melbourne Croatia; Ivanovich 50m for Ad City.

Referee: J. Santa Isabel 7.

Crowd: 3441.

Adelaide City

Zabica.....	4
Talladira.....	5
T. Vidmar.....	6
Ivanovich.....	5
Flounders.....	4
Mullen.....	6
Melta.....	5
Santrac.....	5
Edge.....	6
Veart.....	6
Maxwell.....	5

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Goalies shine but Greg Brown scores

BY LOU GAUTIER

AN 88th minute goal by Greg Brown gave Melita Eagles a sensational last-gasp 1-0 win over South Melbourne Hellas at Melita Stadium on Sunday.

The loss ended Hellas' run of five consecutive matches without a loss and enabled the fast improving Melita to continue their steady climb up the standings.

Brown's goal — a low shot from the right, close to the corner flag — found its way into the net through a maze of legs.

It was a dramatic finish to a game which seemed destined to end in a scoreless draw after

Melita Eagles

	Melita Eagles
McPherson	8
Williams	5
O'Donnell	5
Barrios	5
Gonzalez	5
Callanan	6
(Mason 82m)	
Genc	5
Vial	6
Falce	5
(Farrugia 60m)	
Soper	7
Brown	6
Scorer:	G. Brown 88m.
Yellow cards:	Vial 6m, Soper 20m for Melita; Petersen 33m, Palatsides 65m for South Melbourne.
Referee:	B. Monteverde 7.
Crowd:	1891.

South Melbourne

	South Melbourne
McLaren	8
Healy	5
Micheil	6
(Postecoglou 57m)	
Durakovic	5
Blair	5
Wade	6
Taliadoros	5
Petersen	5
Trimboli	5
Palatsides	5
(Mori 67m)	
Tsolakis	6

Yellow cards: Vial 6m, Soper 20m for Melita; Petersen 33m, Palatsides 65m for South Melbourne.

Referee: B. Monteverde 7.

Crowd: 1891.

90 minutes of brilliant goalkeeping at both ends.

Alex McPherson and Bruce McLaren were in dazzling form, turning away every shot that came their way until the Hellas goalie was unsighted on the match-winning goal.

As early as the eighth minute McLaren was forced to stretch fully to smother a low angled drive from Marshall Soper, the most dangerous striker on the park.

And just on half-time, McLaren produced a miraculous reflex save to prevent Soper from opening the score with a scorching 10-metre header.

He was also equal to

the task in the 78th minute when he somehow got a hand to a fierce drive by Lenny Vial, which had goal written all over it.

Melita's Alex McPherson was also in sparkling form at the other end.

Three minutes before halftime he dived bravely at the feet of Hellas defender David Healy, who had linked up in attack with Paul Trimboi to split the Melita defence, and he too produced a memorable save in the 55th minute to tip a 15-metre shot from adventurous Harry Micheil over the bar.

Fifteen minutes later, McPherson spectacularly palmed a Kim Taliadoros screamer over the bar.

Melita threw everything into attack in the last few minutes but just when it appeared as though Hellas would hold out for a draw Brown struck with the winning goal to send their bongo-banging fans into a frenzy.

Melita were good value for the two points against a Hellas side which failed to gain a grip on the midfield.

Hellas was thankful



Robert Markovac scores the first of Preston Makedonia's three goals against Blacktown City at the Gabbie last Saturday — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

Sizzling Sunshine deserved better

BY ALAN CLARK

SUNSHINE's quick-raiding mini fleet turned in a dazzling second-half performance to lift the doldrums on Sunday against Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh and force a 1-1 draw.

Coach Ernie Merrick's impressionable youngsters, walloped 5-1 in both their previous NSL matches, made sure there would be no repeat with some of the fastest, most skillful soccer seen this season so far in SA.

In the end, they were desperately unlucky not to earn more than just one point for their efforts.

Hellas was thankful

to come out with at least a point to help their fight against relegation.

Hellas stormed ahead with a first-half Raymond Blair 'boomer' out of the blue and, generally looked more organised and aggressive with Richard Miranda and Billy Wright in their home debuts.

Alby Kidd, Brenton Hiern, Raymond Blair and Robbie Slager all looked top flight calibre, too.

But George Cross, with David Clarkson, Jeff Faulkner and, especially, Ernie Tapai shining, tore Hellas to shreds in the second half only to be rewarded with just one goal from John Campelj.

Scottish import Blair netted his goal in the 23rd minute when he bent a tremendous drive past Sean Keough.

Robbie Slager should have done better with a goal chance just four minutes later and then Hellas had strong penal-

ty claims waved away just before the interval but that was the end of the home side's chances.

Clarkson almost

caught out Hellas just before the break but the lightning move obviously inspired Sunshine.

They went on the rampage at breathtaking speed and efficiency with Faulkner having

Adelaide Hellas

Tsolerias	6
Hiern	7
Mills	5
Mousoulis	5
Slager	7
Miranda	7
Rankin	5
(Watkins 63m)	
Kidd	7
Hasler	6
Clarkson	7
Campelj	6
(Vatsilas 74m)	
Blair	6

Sunshine GC

Keogh	6
Alevisos	5
Roodhouse	6
Ketsakidis	6
Parton	7
Faulkner	7
Kindtner	6
Tapai	8
Hasler	6
Clarkson	7
Campelj	6
(P. Foster 87m)	

Scorers: Blair 23m for Hellas; Campelj 62m for Sunshine.

Yellow cards: Mills 21m, Slager 54m, Vatsilas 85m for Hellas; Roodhouse 61m, Tapai 83m for Sunshine.

Referee: T. McRoe 7.

Crowd: 3624.

Sydney Croatia triumphant

BY LEN CHAFER

SYDNEY CROATIA is back on track after an emphatic 3-1 win under new management over a disappointing Wollongong City at Brandon Park last Sunday.

The turning point of

the game came in the 35th minute when Manis Lamond scored a magnificent goal.

He gave Croatia a deserved lead with a fierce and acute shot from an impossible angle.

Six minutes after

notched goal number two from a neat Graham Arnold pass.

Seal found the net again in the 65th minute to put the icing on the cake for the Sydneysiders.

Wollongong scored a consolation goal through replacement striker Pat Brodnik in the 80th minute.

New Croatia coach Tony Vrzina said after the game: "It is nice to have got the two points but it is next weekend's two games against Marconi and South Melbourne I am worried about," Vrzina said.

"There is also a big

Wollongong City

Pupovac	6
McEvoy	5
(Brodnik 55m)	
Murphy	5
Morlando	6
Ratcliffe	6
Hristovski	5
(Lloyd 5)	
O'Neill	5
Skeen	7
Crainie	6
McFadden	6
Easthorpe	5

Scorers: Lamond 35m, Seal 50 & 66m for Sydney Croatia; Brodnik 80m for Wollongong.

Yellow cards: Ratcliffe 57m for Wollongong; Jones 88m for Sydney Croatia.

Referee: J. O'Connell 7.

Crowd: 2344.

doubt about the fitness of my players on what I saw in the second half.

"The standard of fitness is not good and one or two of the players wanted to come off with minor knocks."

As Wolves player-coach David Ratcliffe said, Croatia were technically superior.

"They did a lot more with the ball than we did and again we fell down badly up front," Ratcliffe said.

"If we had a killer instinct near goal I am sure we would have won and I now have to look towards making changes next week."

Sydney Croatia

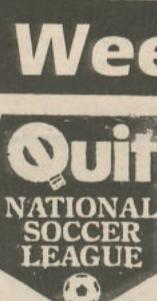
Franken	6
Savor	6
Grbevski	6
Hunter	6
Jones	7
Kupresak	7
Ricoy	6
Rumora	6
(Gojevic 72m)	
Arnold	7
Seal	7
Lamond	6
(Petkovic 87m)	

Scorers: Lamond 35m, Seal 50 & 66m for Sydney Croatia; Brodnik 80m for Wollongong.

Yellow cards: Ratcliffe 57m for Wollongong; Jones 88m for Sydney Croatia.

Referee: J. O'Connell 7.

Crowd: 2344.



ROUND 13

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

ADELAIDE CITY v ADELAIDE HELLAS

Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

SOUTH MELBOURNE v ST GEORGE

Middle Park 6pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v MELITA EAGLES

Croatian Spts Centre 7.30pm

SUNSHINE GC v WOLLONGONG CITY

Skinner Reserve 6pm

APIA LEICHARDT v MELB. CROATIA

Lambert Park 6pm

PRESTON MAKE v MARCONI

Connor Reserve 6pm

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Australia v Torpedo Moscow 0-2

Match-starved 'Roos end long hibernation

BY LOU GAUTIER

MORE than nine months after their last international appearance, the Socceroos returned to the Sydney Football Stadium where more heartbreak was in store for coach Frank Arok.

Touring Torpedo Moscow took over where Israel left off to win 2-0 last Friday evening in front of a meagre crowd of 7424.

To have expected anything less was quite unrealistic considering the long interval between international matches for the Aussies and the mass withdrawals through injury and illness that decimated Arok's squad.

Circumstances compelled him to field a team of spare parts, and that's exactly how they played though they had more scoring chances than the Soviet side.

While Torpedo displayed the precision associated with European First Division teams of good standing, the Socceroos, not surprisingly, lacked fluency.

And how could it have been otherwise, when the team that played for most of the 90 minutes bore little resemblance to the one Arok had based his pre-match tactics on?

As though a spate of injuries prior to the game and the late withdrawal of Steve Calderan with the 'flu weren't enough, after 34 minutes the Socceroos were minus their top two performers.

First it was in-form defender Alex Tobin who had to be replaced by Robbie Hooker as early as in the 14th minute with a gaping gash on the head, then Zlatko Nastevski, until then the most performing striker, injured his knee slipping and was subbed by Abbas Saad in the 34th minute.

The double whammy threw any game plan Arok had into disarray and it was only early in the second half that the Australians played in patches as a team.

That Torpedo goalkeeper Valeri Sarichev was undoubtedly the player of the match demonstrates the Socceroos had ample scoring opportunities, none more so than Graham Arnold, who never stopping trying.

The acrobatic Sarichev, who looked every bit as good as his 1965 predecessor Kavashvili, who went on to replace the great Lev Yashin in the USSR

national team, denied Arnold in the 47th, 52nd and 68th minutes.

Impeccable in the air, the high balls the Australians kept pumping into his goalmouth never troubled him in the least.

While Sarichev was the Muscovites' hero, his Socceroo counterpart, Bob Catlin, had one of those nightmare games every goalkeeper dreads.

In the 16th minute he made a mess of a fairly innocuous low cross from the right, enabling Alexander Gitsyelov to turn the ball back to Nikolai Savichev, brother of international midfielder Yuri, who slammed his drive into the net from eight metres.

Catlin's second blunder — and a far worse one at that — came in the 73rd minute, against the run of play I might add, when he allowed a soft shot by Gitsyelov to roll under his body into the net.

The goal all but demoralised the Australians and the cucumber-cool Russians were content to see out the game without too much difficulty.

The Soviets did not over-exert themselves.

Technically superior, they made the ball work for them while the Socceroos were scurrying all over the park, rarely capable of stringing more than a couple of passes together.

Torpedo had far less scoring chances than their opponents, but in modern soccer it's not necessarily the team that has the ball that wins, but the one which uses it more intelligently — and that side was Torpedo, by a long shot.

They had four chances and converted two. That's percentage football for you!

So it's back to the drawing board for Arok as he attempts to square the series at Olympic Park on Friday, February 2.

It will be no easy task against a professional — in every sense of the word — outfit like Torpedo which will mercilessly expose any chunks in the Socceroos' armour.

It would surprise if Arok picked more than a handful of the players

who lost last Friday.

He is likely to draw heavily on the players from his Melbourne train-on squad.

Fitness permitting, Zeljko Adzic, George Jolevski, Paul Trimboli, John Markovski and Andrew Marth should get a run.

It's pointless to select the likes of Mike Petersen, Paul Wade, Charlie Yankos or Graham Arnold because Arok knows already they are an integral part of the national team.

The "Marconi Connection" — Ian Gray, Tom McCulloch and Robbie Wheatley — deserves another chance and Arok could do worse than also add team-mate David Lowe for some much needed pace down the flank.

Scorers: N. Savichev 16m, Gitsyelov 73m for Torpedo.

Yellow cards: N. Savichev 60m for Torpedo.

Referee: R. Lorenc.

Crowd: 7424.

Aussie ratings

GRAHAM ARNOLD and PAUL WADE were the best Australians, I thought, against Torpedo.

On a scale of 1 to 10, I awarded the following marks to the Socceroos:

Bob Catlin	4
Gary van Egmond	5
Alex Tobin	5
(Robbie Hooker 14m, 6)	5
Charlie Yankos	5
Robbie Wheatley	5
Paul Wade	7
(Zlatko Arambasic 78m)	7
Ian Gray	6
Mike Petersen	6
Graham Arnold	7
Zlatko Nastevski	5
(Abbas Saad 34m, 5)	6
Tom McCulloch	6

Tourists win opener 2-0

TORPEDO Moscow won the opening match of their Australian tour last Wednesday in Newcastle with a 2-0 victory over Northern NSW.

The Russians took the field only 12 hours after arriving in Australia, their stop-over in Singapore lasting 24 hours over a ticket mix-up.

Not surprisingly, they were jet-lagged in the first half, but showed glimpses of their class in the second period.

Ralph Maier scored

an own goal in the 50th minute and substitute Alexander Gitsyelov made it 2-0 in the 70th off a pass by Sergei Zhukov.

Maier, David Lowe and Gary Phillips were best for a gallant Northern NSW team short on team-work.

NORTHERN NSW: Dorman (Gunning), S. Wells, Stewart, McQuarrie, Maier, King (Waddingham 65m), R. Wells (Murray), Lowe, Phillips, Owens (Boogaard 80m), Soper.

TORPEDO MOSCOW: V. Savichev, Polukarov, Kalayev, Rogovskoi, Grechnev, Y. Savichev, Ataklin (Kovach 65m), N. Savichev (Grishin 57m), Shirinbekov (Gitsyelov 57m), Rudakov (Shustikov), Zhukov.

SCORERS: Maier (o.g. 50m, Gitsyelov 70min). **REFEREE:** J. Reeves. **CROWD:** 4227.



Zlatko Nastevski in full cry against Torpedo before his untimely 34th minute injury — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

Socceroo short shots

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FRANK AROK AND BERTI MARIANI in charge of the Socceroo team for the match against Moscow Torpedo in Sydney, have built up a fantastic relationship both as coaches and firm friends.

Brainy Arok found that the younger Mariani is very much on the same wavelength as himself. Communication as well as trust and respect between these two is superb.

AS if Arok and Mariani didn't have their hands full last week with training sessions for Australia and their NSL clubs, they both had to rush off to attend last Thursday's NSL meeting of Sydney-based clubs at the Airport Hilton Hotel.

Mariani was "greeted" at the meeting with a penalty "invoice" fining his Marconi club \$1,000 for two publicity shots used by a Sydney morning paper of striker David Lowe.

In the first photo, Lowe was shown squatting over a soccer ball and in the second he was photographed juggling a ball in the air.

Both photographs showed the soccer ball used was an Adidas Tango ball and not a MITRE ball, the ball that must be used at all NSL matches.

But the irony of it all was that the publicity shots were of Lowe promoting the Northern NSW match against Torpedo in Newcastle and had nothing to do with Marconi or the NSL.

Any sort of a fine directed at Marconi was totally unjustified under the circumstances.

SOCEROO physio Pedro Ruz is somewhat of a projected play-boy with his super fire-en-

gine red sports car, a Honda Prelude, which was parked in front of the Socceroos' Motel at Camperdown.

And all this is on top of keeping all gear spotlessly washed and pressed to have the Socceroos looking in tip-top shape.

WORLD champion boxer Jeff Fenech was an interested spectator at the Australia-Torpedo match at the Sydney Football Stadium last Friday.

A big roar went up from the crowd when he appeared on the giant electronic scoreboard.

IAN GRAY's powerhouse display at right-back cum right midfield against the Russians last Friday night left no doubt that this Marconi dynamo will be a permanent player for Australia for many years to come.

"Iggy's" strong defence and direct thrusts down the right flank are something the Socceroos have been waiting for the last few years.

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AUSTRALIA	TORPEDO MOSCOW
Goals	0
Shots on goal	7
Shots off goal	10
Freekicks	15
Comers	3
Offsides	2
Yellow cards	0

— Compiled by Joe Di Meglio

ASW's Melbourne editor GREG BLAKE continues his feature on days gone by in the National Soccer League, with the NSL now in its 14th season ...

A LOOK BACK

The NSL 13 years on



GARY COLE: two goals for Fitzroy against Sydney Olympic.

WHILST Canberra City and South Melbourne Hellas celebrated the arrival of new British stars, bottom of the table Fitzroy United rejoiced at the return of coach John Margaritis with its second victory of the year as the PSL ticked over into round nine.

During the week Canberra City, then wowing the huge crowds at the Bruce Stadium, was joined by 26-year-old former Arsenal and Motherwell star Peter Marinello.

At Hellas the club finally met its newest \$20,000 recruit from Aberdeen, flying winger George Campbell.

Much-travelled John Margaritis, just a week after leaving West Adelaide Hellas, re-

turned south to rejoin ailing Fitzroy and his return marked the turning point of the season for that club.

Fitzroy, led by two goals from 'Goal King' Gary Cole and a third

from Jim Campbell, took a 3-0 lead against Sydney Olympic in Sydney before running out 3-1 winners.

Undefeated

But undefeated Marconi was still the team of the moment as it took a five-point break at the head of the ladder by beating West Adelaide 2-0 in front of 6479 fans at Marconi Stadium.

In the only real upset of the round Adelaide City downed second placed Western Suburbs 4-2 at Olympic Sports Field with Henry Kolecki scoring twice, along with Johnny Nyskohus and man of the match John Perin.

Meanwhile, Western Suburbs had decided to give up using Englefield Stadium, Dural for their home games and would instead share Wentworth Park with Eastern Suburbs Hakoah.

And that man Craig Johnston was due to fly in to join Newcastle KB United for a guest stint along with Huddersfield striker Bob Mountfield.

Victorian Leagues make-up

BY GREG BLAKE

FOLLOWING the changes to Victoria's State League competition for 1990 the make-up of the major Victorian Leagues for the coming season is as follows:



State League Super Division

Altona Gate
Brunswick Juventus
Bulleen
Caulfield City
Croydon City
Green Gully
Heidelberg Utd
Melbourne JUST
Morwell Falcons
Northcote City

St Albans
Thomastown

State League First Division

Albion
Box Hill
Broadmeadow City
Doveton
Fawkner
Frankston Pines
Knox City
Maribyrnong
Mooroolbark
Oakleigh
Ringwood City
Springvale City

Vic. League Division One

Dandenong
Essendon City
Geelong
Keilor
North Geelong
Port Melbourne
Mordialloc
Nunawading City
Sandringham City
Sunbury United
Waverley City
Werribee
Western Suburbs
Westgate

Vic. League Division Two

Brighton
Bell Park
Chelsea
Clarinda
Clifton Hill
Corio/Geelong United

Coburg
Doncaster Rovers
Eltham/
Diamond Valley Utd
Heidelberg City
Mornington
Richmond
Ringwood United
Seaford United

Vic. League Division Three

Altona City
Bentleigh Greens
Clayton
East Brunswick/
Ivanhoe
Hamlyn Rangers
Holland Park
Karingal United
Moorabbin City
Moreland Park Rangers
Regent
Springvale United
Yarraville
Yallourn
Lalor United

Vic. League Division Four

Berwick City
Boronia
Ferntree Gully
Hawthorn
Keysborough
Wangwarrin
Malvern City
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Springvale Condors
South Werribee
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Clubs will appeal points deduction

SOUTH MELBOURNE and Melbourne Croatia have appealed against the NSL's tribunal decision to strip them of two competition points and fine each club \$5,000 for the incidents at Olympic Park on December 29.

The Tribunal by majority recommended that:

Accepting the duly passed resolution of the NSL Executive that the world-wide soccer principle of clubs being responsible for the behaviour of their supporters be strictly adhered to and having due regard to the evidence given.



such fines being payable by the clubs to the league no later than 18th February, 1990.

The NSL is likely to hear the appeal this week.

Until the appeal is heard, the QNSL standings cannot be altered and will not show the club's loss of points.

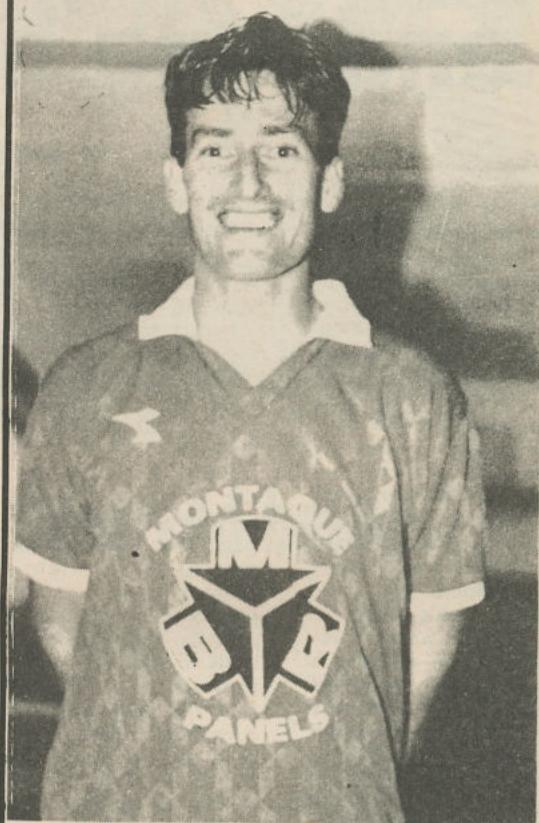
Foster out

SUNSHINE George Cross will lose promising midfielder Craig Foster for at least six weeks. Foster, whose impressive start to the season had much to do with Sunshine's early-season success, separated two bones in his ankle against Marconi recently and a specialist has advised him that an operation is needed to have a steel pin inserted into the ankle.

Accordingly, each of the clubs shall:

- (a) have deducted forthwith two (2) premiership points
- (b) be fined \$5,000.

PERSONALITY PLAYER



DANIEL WRIGHT (South Melbourne)

NAME: Daniel Patrick Wright
CLUB: South Melbourne Hellas
BIRTHPLACE & DATE: 2/11/64 — Brisbane
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 180cm, 78kg
MARRIED: No
HOME: Coburg, Victoria
NICKNAME: Lefty
CAR: Toyota Camry
OCCUPATION: Sales Rep.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Brisbane Lions
FAVOURITE PLAYER: No real favourites because it's hard to judge on just the edited highlights we see from overseas.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Nastevski, Trimboli, Wade and all the Hellas team.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All opponents tough on the day.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Middle Park when there's a big crowd and the Sydney Football Stadium.
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Defeating Scotland in the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico.
BIGGEST THRILL: Qualifying for the Mexico finals.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: The game not taking off in Australia as it should have.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Attacking midfield
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Snow skiing, scuba diving and golf
FAVOURITE FOOD: Malaysian
FAVOURITE DRINK: Fruit juice
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Rythym and blues
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Cheers
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Blues Brothers
BEST FRIEND: Girlfriend Marie
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: All my coaches
WORST INJURY: Ankle injury in 1986 — missed 6 months
AMBITIONS: To win the NSL with Hellas
PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS: Just to keep to my usual routine
BOOT TYPE: Puma
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Paul Trimboli
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Elle McPherson at the beach

Compiled by Greg Blake

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SOCER POOLS



LAST WEEK'S RESULTS WEEK 234 SAT 20 JANUARY, 1990

Total Prize Pool is \$2,569,063.95.

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 11, 12, 13, 17, 27, 35. Supplementary Number: 8

Division 1
The Prize Pool is \$2,400,000.00
1 provisional winner of \$2,400,000.00

Division 2
The Prize Pool is \$9,667.25
5 provisional winners of \$1,933.45 ea

Division 3
The Prize Pool is \$28,999.45
109 winners of \$266.05 ea.

Division 4
The Prize Pool is \$72,521.25
6,225 winners of \$11.65 ea.

Division 5
The Prize Pool is \$57,876.00
7,420 winners of \$7.80 ea.

MATCH RESULTS

ENGLISH DIVISION 1		ASTON VILLA	SOUTHAMPTON	1	2-1
CHelsea	CHARLTON	2	3-1		
DERBY	NOTTINGHAM F.	3	0-2		
EVERTON	SHEFF. WED.	4	2-0		
LUTON	Q.P.R.	5	1-1		
MAN. CITY	COVENTRY	6	1-0		
MILLWALL	WIMBLEDON	7	0-0		
BARNESLEY	PLYMOUTH	8	1-1	★	
BOURNEMOUTH	IPSWICH	9	3-1		
LEEDS	STOKE	10	2-0		
LEICESTER	WATFORD	11	1-1	★	
OLDHAM	NEWCASTLE	12	1-1	★	
OXFORD UTD.	BLACKBURN	13	1-1	★	
PORTSMOUTH	BRADFORD C.	14	3-0		
PORT VALE	BRIGHTON	15	2-1		
SHEFF. UTD.	MIDDLESBORO	16	1-0		
SUNDERLAND	WEST BROM.	17	1-1	★	
WEST HAM	HULL	18	1-2		
WOLVES	SWINDON	19	2-1		
BOLTON	CARDIFF	20	3-1		
BRENTFORD	BRISTOL R.	21	2-1		
BRISTOL C.	BURY	22	1-0		
CREWE	BIRMINGHAM	23	0-2		
MANSFIELD	CHESTER	24	1-0		
NOTT'S C.	LEYTON O.	25	1-0		
PRESTON	ROTHERHAM	26	0-1		
SHREWSBURY	READING	27	1-1	★	
ALDERSHOT	GILLINGHAM	28	1-0		
BURNLEY	ROCHDALE	29	0-1		
CAMBRIDGE U.	GRIMSBY	30	2-0		
CARLISLE	HEREFORD	31	2-1		
COLCHESTER	CHESTERFIELD	32	1-0		
DONCASTER	EXETER	33	2-1		
HARTLEPOOL	HALIFAX	34	2-0		
MAIDSTONE	PETERBORO	35	1-1		
TORQUAY	STOCKPORT	36	3-0		
WREXHAM	SCARBORO	37	0-2		
YORK	SOUTHEND	38	2-1		

★Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

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Results are available from 8pm. Sundays, dividends after 5pm Mondays.

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 235 SAT 27 JANUARY

ENGLISH DIVISION 1		BARNESLEY	IPSWICH	1	
BLACKPOOL	TORQUAY	2			
CRYSTAL P.	HUDDERSFIELD	3			
HEREFORD	MAN. UTD.	4			
READING	NEWCASTLE	5			
ROCHDALE	NORTHAMPTON	6			
SHEFF. UTD.	WATFORD	7			
SOUTHAMPTON	OXFORD UTD.	8			
BRISTOL R.	BOLTON	9			
BURY	BRENTFORD	10			
LEYTON O.	WALSALL	11			
ROTHERHAM	TRANMERE	12			
GILLINGHAM	HARTLEPOOL	13			
GRIMSBY	CARLISLE	14			
PETERBORO	DONCASTER	15			
SCARBORO	SCUNTHORPE	16			
SOUTHEND	ALDERSHOT	17			
STOCKPORT	MAIDSTONE	18			
ALTRINCHAM	YEOVIL	19			
CHELTENHAM	BARNET	20			
FARNBORO	TELFORD	21			
FISHER A.	NORTHWICH	22			
KID'MINSTER	BARROW	23			
MERTHYR T.	CHORLEY	24			
RUNCORN	KETTERING	25			
SUTTON U.	BOSTON	26			
WELLING	STAFFORD R.	27			
WYCOMBE	MACCLESFIELD	28			
BUXTON	FLEETWOOD	29			
CAERNARFON	BISHOP AUK.	30			
FRICKLEY A.	BANGOR	31			
GAINSBORO	STALYBRIDGE	32			
GOOLE	MARINE	33			
HYDE	MORECAMBE	34			
MATLOCK	RHYL	35			
MOSSLEY	S. LIVERPOOL	36			
SOUTHPORT	SHEPSHED	37			
WITTON A.	GATESHEAD	38			
G.M. VAUXHALL CONF. PREMIER DIVISION		RESERVE MATCHES			
DOVER	GLOUCESTER	39			
GOSPORT	CAMBRIDGE C.	40			
CELTIC	MOTHERWELL	41			
DUNDEE	HIBERNIAN	42			
DUNFERMLINE	RANGERS	43			
HEARTS	DUNDEE UTD.	44			
ST. MIRREN	ABERDEEN	45			
AIRDRIE	CLYDEBANK	46			
ALLOA	PARTICK	47			
CLYDE	RAITH	48			
HAMILTON	FORFAR	49			
MEADOWBANK	ALBION R.	50			
MORTON	FALKIRK	51			
ST. JOHNSTONE	AYR	52			
ARBROATH	COWDENBATH	53			
BRECHIN	BERWICK	54			
EAST FIFE	STIRLING A.	55			

*BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

†SCOTTISH B & Q DIVISION 2

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 20/1/1990 — WEEK 234

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED							
1	25	28	3	37	4	14	5	27	6	43	7	32	8	42	1	2	2
9	42	10	51	11	45	47	13	14	15	16	42	22	3	0	1	15	17
17	43	19	19	20	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	18	19	20	21	22
25	45	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	10	11	12	13	14	15
33	54	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	33	34	35	36	37	38
49	62	52	54	56	53	51	59	51	67	47	50	10	11	12	13	14	15

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

ENGLISH DIV 1: Arsenal 1										DIVISION 3							
Tottenham	0	Aston Villa	2	Southampton	1	Chelsea	3	Charlton	1	Crystal Palace	0	Liverpool	2	Derby	0	Nottingham Forest	2
Everton	2	Bolton	1	Sheffield Wednesday	0	Luton	1	Queens Park Rangers	1	Manchester City	1	Coventry	0	Millwall	0	Wimbledon	0
Bristol City	24	14	5	5	33	20	47	Notts City	25	13	7	5	37	25	46	Bristol Rov.	24</td

The man behind Apia's revival

Hail, Manfred the Magnificent!

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ONE of the remarkable points involved in the rebuilding of Apia-Leichhardt into QNSL title contenders is that new coach Manfred Schaefer was late in reporting for duty in Sydney.

Not that he could have helped it.

Melbourne club Brunswick Juventus was depending upon his expertise to lift them back into the senior competition.

But when it came to the crunch, Morwell Falcons edged Brunswick out, and in turn Adelaide Hellas downed them to claim the 1989/90 summer season position.

Disappointment for the Victorians and for Schaefer, but the former Socceroo was now released to set up arrangements with his new club.

After an earlier period as coach with St George, Schaefer was in charge at Sydney Olym-

pic when they achieved their only NSL honours.

In 1983 and 1985 the Greek-based outfit won the NSL Cup, whilst in 1986 they won the Northern Division grand final before dipping out to Adelaide City in the National Final.

At that stage, Schaefer decided for pastures greener, which turned out to be in Melbourne when nothing was available in his home town of Sydney.

For Schaefer it is the Apia job in hand that counts.

"Some of the players were over the hill and had to go.

"It was my duty to tell them, and I did so.

"If they were unhappy, then I couldn't help it.

"Apia want me to do a job and I have to get on with it," he said.

The present standing of the team, now amongst Australia's elite, speaks volumes for the way he has got

them together.

Few would have given Apia a chance of being much ahead of the relegation positions, let alone comfortably in the Top Five when the season began.

But now the defence is rarely beaten, the midfield is effective as well as combative and the strikers look the goods.

That is, if the often unlucky Rod Brown comes back after a cartilage operation and



ALAN DAVIDSON

equal with Schaefer on 49, and Yankos on 46.

After them come Doug Utjesenovic 34, Col Bennett 30, Stan Ackerley 28, George Harris 26, Robbie Dunn 25, Tony Henderson 25, Wally Savor 22 and David Ratcliffe 21.

What does matter to Apia's squad is Schaefer's insistence on iron discipline.

Different coaches have different methods, and for Schaefer there is the strength and no-nonsense approach that stems from his German heritage.

In Australia, as a junior, he went through a tough school.

Placed in the Villawood Migrant Hostel with his family, the 11-year-old found a way to get to outer western St Marys to join the club of his choice.

Said Schaefer: "My past career doesn't matter to today's players.

"They don't have to copy my style.

"I want skill and absolute fitness and it is



Manfred Schaefer in his prime.

nents — individually and collectively.

Of those he has brought to the club, so far Graham Jennings, Shane Clinch, Jason van Blerk and Ron Manley are in the current first team.

And there are a few more who will be helping the Maroons to fight for a high place on the table.



PETER WILSON

ALL TIME TOP SOCCEROO DEFENDERS

'A' INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES

63	PETER WILSON
49	MANFRED SCHAEFER
46	ALAN DAVIDSON
34	CHARLIE YANKOS
30	DOUG UTJESENOVIĆ
28	COL BENNETT
26	STAN ACKERLEY
25	GEORGE HARRIS
22	ROBBIE DUNN
21	TONY HENDERSON
21	WALLY SAVOR
21	DAVID RATCLIFFE



DOUG UTJESENOVIĆ

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THE SBS-TV Multicultural Australia Championship is a tournament featuring eight of the most prominent ethnic communities in Australia.

These eight teams will participate in the tournament over the next five weeks.

They include Sydney Macedonia, Argentina, Uruguay, Portugal, Turkey, Cyprus, Italy and Greece.

The tournament kicks off on the Saturday of the Australia Day weekend, January 27, ending with the final on Saturday, February 24.

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All games will be staged at St George Stadium, with four games played each Saturday, with kick-off times 2.30, 4.30, 6.30 and 8.30pm.

The Multicultural Championship will feature some of the finest players outside of the NSL and is sure to provide soccer fans with many evenings of entertaining football.

Apart from being ideal pre-season preparation for the various players and their teams, the SBS-TV Multicultural Championship will feature a food fair at the back of the main stand highlighting the foods from the various communities involved.

Admission prices for the series are a very reasonable \$5 for adults and \$2 for pensioners and children under 16 years for the four matches.

Prizemoney for the tournament is \$5000 for the winner and \$2500 for the runner-up.

There will be a series of additional awards made at the conclusion of the series, among them the Player of the Tournament, Goalkeeper of the Tournament, both from points allocated by media and referees.

There will also be a goalscorer of the series trophy.

The SBS-TV Multicultural Australia Championship will be run strictly under FIFA rules and matches will be of 45 minutes duration each half.

The competition teams are divided into two groups — Group A: Portugal, Argentina, Sydney Macedonia and Greece — Group B: Ethnic Soccer Cup runner-up Turkey, Uruguay, Cyprus and Italy.

BY JOHN WARREN

The two top teams after the three round-robin series will qualify for the semi-finals.

St George Stadium provides a splendid venue for the tournament with covered seating for some 3000 fans, centrally located in Rockdale with adequate parking facilities.

The addition of the international food fair is sure to please fans and will be a welcome change from the traditional hot dog, pie and sauce.

All in all, the event will be a true feast food and football, reasonably priced at a good venue and one football fans should get along to see.



Organisers are confident of attracting even larger crowds than last year's Sydney Ethnic World Cup to the SBS-TV Multicultural Australia Soccer Championships starting on Saturday at St George Stadium.



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The Multicultural
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from January 27 till
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The trophy shall
remain the property
of the organising
committee and shall
be held by the win-
ning team until the
next Multicultural
Australia Soccer
Championship is
staged.

In addition there
will be trophies for
the Player of the
Championship, de-
cided by the media
and referees based
on a 3.2.1. basis
after each match, a
Goalkeeper of the
Championship, the
Leading Scorer of
the Championship,
and for the Second,
Third and Fourth
placed teams.

**FORM &
ORGANISATION
OF THE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

The championship
will be played as per
attached draw — a
three round, two
group qualification
series with the top
two in each group
qualifying for the
semi finals.

In the event of
points being the
same, positions will
be decided by goal
difference. If goal
difference is the
same, the team scor-
ing more goals will
determine the better
side. Should points,
goal difference and
goals scored be the
same, the team which
has accumu-
lated the less yellow
and red cards in the
tournament will pro-
ceed to the next
stage. Should all
these remain the
same, lots shall de-
termine the
"winner".

In the semi finals
30 minutes extra
time will be played
in the event of a
drawn match. If the
match is drawn after

extra time, penalties
shall decide which
team proceeds to the
final.

In the event of a
draw in the final, 30
minutes extra time
will be played. Should
the score remain level
after extra time, the final
will be replayed.

In the event of a
draw in the replay,
extra time will be
played. Should the
score remain level
after extra time,
penalties shall de-
cide which team is
the champion.

Substitutions shall
be according to
FIFA rules — any
two subs from five
subs named on the
team sheets prior to
kick off.

Official team
sheets listing 11
starting players and
five nominated subs
must be delivered to
the press box 15 min-
utes prior to kick
off.

Each team can
only nominate 20
players for the
tournament.

Each team must
provide two ground
control officials for
their respective
matches.

Prize money for
the tournament will
be **\$5,000 (five
thousand dollars)** to
the winner and
**\$2,500 (two
thousand five
hundred dollars)** to the
runner up.

Each team takes
the responsibility to
insure its players
and officials against
injury during the
tournament.

Two yellow cards
during the tourna-
ment means an auto-
matic one match
suspension as does a
red card.

Two red cards in
the championship
will mean an auto-
matic disqualification
for the tourna-
ment.

Teams failing to
appear with eleven
players will lose

The Tournament Rules**Tournament favourites Turkey.**

bond and be dis-
qualified from the
tournament, as will
teams failing to
appear.

Only official play-
ers, two ground con-
trol officials, coach,
manager and phy-
siotherapist are
allowed on the
ground when team is
playing.

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Dressing room
allocation is as per
draw sheet. For
these purposes the
dressing rooms have
been allocated num-
bers **1-4**.

Dressing rooms **1**
and **2** are found at
the southern end of
the ground under-
neath the electronic
scoreboard.

Dressing rooms **3**

and **4** are found
under the main
grandstand.

National anthems
of the respective
communities are re-
quired in tape form
for the tournament.

Participating
teams will be re-
quired to have **two
sets of shirts** in the
event of a clash of
colours.

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PLAYER TO WATCH



GEORGE JOHNSON
(Argentina)



Sydney Macedonia: tipped to meet Turkey in the final.



Birol Sertbas, captain of the Turkish team which was runner-up to Chile in the Sydney Ethnic World Cup. Turkey hope to go one better in the current series.

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GROUP B: CYPRUS, ITALY, TURKEY, URUGUAY

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FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS

FIRST ROUND DRAW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

2.30pm	GROUP A	GREECE	vs SYD MACE
4.30pm	GROUP B	TURKEY	vs URUGUAY	....	....
6.30pm	GROUP A	PORTUGAL	vs ARGENTINA	....	....
8.30pm	GROUP B	ITALY	vs CYPRUS	....	....

SECOND ROUND DRAW

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

2.30pm	GROUP B	URUGUAY	vs URUGUAY	....	....
4.30pm	GROUP A	PORTUGAL	vs SYD MACE	....	....
6.30pm	GROUP B	TURKEY	vs CYPRUS	....	....
8.30pm	GROUP A	ARGENTINA	vs GREECE	....	....

THIRD ROUND DRAW

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

2.30pm	GROUP B	URUGUAY	vs CYPRUS	....	....
4.30pm	GROUP A	ARGENTINA	vs SYD MACE	....	....
6.30pm	GROUP B	TURKEY	vs TURKEY	....	....
8.30pm	GROUP A	PORTUGAL	vs GREECE	....	....

SEMI FINALS

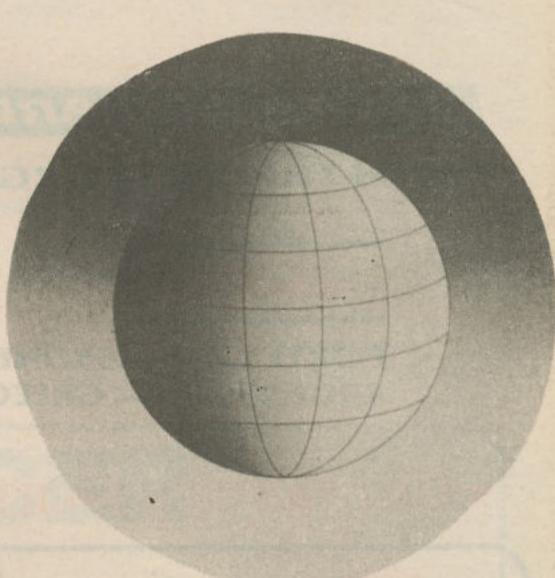
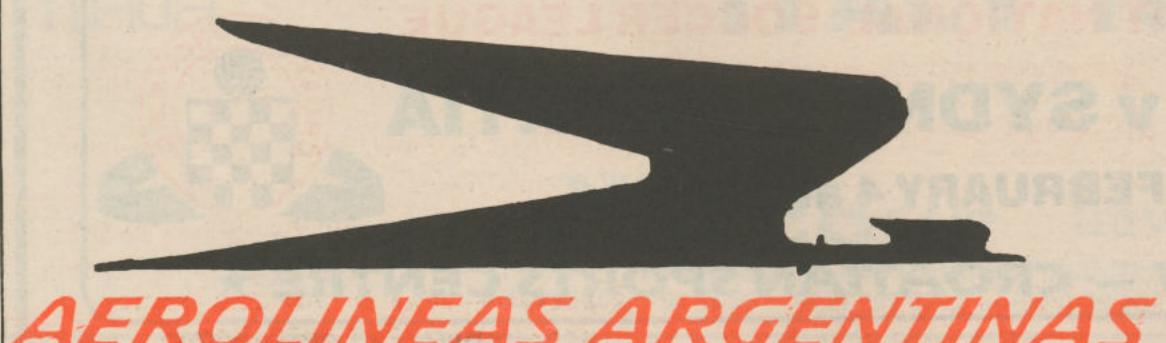
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5.30pm	winner GROUP A	vs	runner up GROUP B		
7.30pm	runner up GROUP A	vs	winner GROUP B		

GRAND FINAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5.30pm	third and fourth places play-off	
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Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . .

NATIONAL DIRECTOR of Coaching Eddie Thomson makes sense when he suggests some QNSL matches should be played in NSW country areas.

The game last week, between Apia and Blacktown for instance, would probably have attracted three times more spectators if properly promoted in "big match" starved centres like Bathurst, Orange or Gosford.

★★★

Frank Arok will continue to look after all Australian teams until his contract expires in July.

★★★

OSCAR Crino may be on deck as soon as this weekend after undergoing arthroscopic surgery to remove a floating bone in his knee.

★★★

FRANK FARINA could be headed to the Italian First Division next season if he con-

tinues on his merry goalscoring way in Belgium. The leading scorer in the Belgian First Division, the FC Brugge Socceroo star is being sought by Bologna and could be involved in a \$2 million-plus transfer which would be a record for an Australian player.

★★★

South Melbourne star Steve Tasios is "devastated" at the news that he might miss the rest of the QNSL season. Tasios, who battled against illness which sidelined him for much of 1989, was set to return to the Hellas first team after recovering from a foot injury suffered in last season's Dockerty Cup. But on the eve of his comeback Tasios fractured the same bone in the same foot in a training mishap.

He is sidelined for at least two months.

★★★

ADELAIDE City star Aurelio Vidmar cruelly was ruled out of the Socceroo squad after contracting chickenpox.

He was stricken after turning in a stirring performance against Marconi.



Vidmar, 23, missed Friday's Socceroo clash against Soviet side Moscow Torpedo in Sydney but may figure in the second leg of the Soviet series in Melbourne.

"It is a real disappointment," said Vidmar, "but there is nothing you can do about it. These things happen. I was looking forward to the Socceroo chance again but I'll just have to try and get back in there for the next game."

★★★

THE West Australian TAB has come up with an intriguing deal with the State's Soccer Federation.

The two organisations have combined to launch a Pick-The-Card system of betting which involves forecasting the results of the five weekly Super League games and the seven Premier League matches.

Punters will be offered three different bets — exclusively on the Super League, the Premier League or on all 12 games.

If there is no correct entry each week, 80 per cent will jackpot to the following week with the prospect of a \$1 million pay-out being touted by the promoters.

"We feel we are on a winner with this type of betting," said Nick Geronimos, chief executive officer of the Super League.

"It will make many people much more aware of soccer in WA."

★★★

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★★★

GEORGE BOUHOUTSOS is back in Sydney after failing to break into Panathinaikos' first team. The goalkeeper, who played a big part in reviving Wollongong's fortunes last year after being transferred from St George, was frustrated because he was only given a handful of runs in the Greek club's reserves.

★★★

NEW Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina has been coaching since 1971.

He has been connected with Melbourne Croatia, Western Suburbs, Preston Makedonia, Prahran Slavia, Northcote, St Albans and Bulleen.

Vrzina was well known to Croatia officials as he has acted as the club's agent in Melbourne and was responsible for the signing of several players, including this season's sparsely used purchases, Steve Gojevic and Velimir Kupresak.

★★★



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NSW schools in Argentina

THE NSW "All Schools" team managed two draws and a narrow loss on its tour of South America.

The Aussies drew 1-1 in Argentina with Racing in Buenos Aires, lost 1-0 to San Lorenzo and also drew 1-1 with Ferrocaril Oeste — all in the Argentina leg of the tour.

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ALEX BANDALO: a shock omission from the Socceroo squad for the Torpedo matches despite sizzling NSL form — cartoon courtesy THE AUSTRALIAN.

Tony Pezzano will miss Sunday's match against Melbourne Croatia because he is finally tying the knot.

"When we set the wedding date we were not scheduled to play that Sunday," said the Apia captain.

Brett Hughes will fill in for Pezzano in goal.

★★★

The NSW Soccer Federation earns top marks for arranging a special function in honour of Charles and Joan Valentine. This will take place next month and recognise their work in securing and maintaining the Parklea complex, which is the shining jewel in the Federation's crown.

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mer season.

There is a possibility that leading Chilean club Cobreloa could visit Australia. The matter is being discussed by Sydney's Granville Chile club and NSW vice-president George Dick.

BEST WISHES from his many friends to former NSW Soccer Federation secretary Aulden Brown.

We hear he is making good progress in Royal North Shore Hospital after surgery.

★★★

The AIS has agreed to release young midfielder Lorenc Kindtner to Sunshine George Cross until the end of February.

Kindtner, a regis-

tered George Cross player and a star in the championship-winning youth team of last year, is holidaying in Melbourne. Sunshine's dreadful run with injuries recently saw the club recall twice retired 33-year-old veteran midfielder Jeff Faulkner. He scored the club's only goal in a 5-1 defeat against Melbourne Croatia.

The Australian Soccer Federation consultant, Dr Graham Bradley, is doing the rounds of the capital cities at present. His current itinerary involves calls at Hobart, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Sydney in quick succession.

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Piontek ready to quit

SEPP Piontek is ready to quit as Denmark's national team coach if the Danish Football Association fails to meet the terms he has laid down for a new contract.

The 46-year-old West German, who has been in charge since 1979, said he is prepared to go "no matter where" if the FA rejects his conditions.



Sepp Piontek

Piontek's contract expires on June 30, but he wants to extend it for six years with an improved salary.

"I reached agreement in principle to stay on for another six years in charge, four years as trainer and two as manager and technical adviser, after the World Cup qualifying match against Romania last November," he said.

"At that time I didn't discuss the financial conditions with the officials but I thought we could reach a suitable agreement."

However, a meeting with FA president Carl Nielsen ended in stalemate as Nielsen claimed Piontek's salary demands were excessive and he decided to refer the matter to the other members of the executive committee.

"I don't intend staying on at any price," Piontek said. "I haven't been fairly rewarded for the popularity of the Danish team, which attract large crowds and provides a good return for the Association."

Piontek accepted a salary cut of \$24,000 a year after the team failed to reach the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982.

"My salary demands are negotiable," he said, "but there is a limit."

Although his current salary is a well-kept secret, it is believed to be in the region of \$160,000 a year, of which the Danish taxman is understood to take 60 per cent.

"It is not as high as coaches in Germany or in France," he said.

If the FA fail to meet his terms, Piontek is sure he will not find

himself out of a job for long.

"I have been ranked the eighth best coach in the world and I would be tempted to try something new, whether it were in France, West Germany, Turkey or Saudi Arabia, no matter where so long as they offer the right conditions. I already turned down a golden opportunity two years ago when I was offered a contract by the Saudis."

Club News

ADELAIDE Hellas is unlikely to pursue interest in former Adelaide City goalkeeper David Mower.

The big custodian, now based in NSW, made contact with the club but Hellas team manager Peter Nittos said talks were unlikely to get past the preliminary stages.

Hellas is keen to lure an experienced player or two to boost ranks but will take time to pursue any talent available.

New signings Billy Wright and Richard Miranda made their debuts in Hellas' win against Sydney Croatia.

Preston Makedonia looks likely to be without three of its title hope keys for the remainder of the season.

Defender Alan Roodhouse has already been ruled out for the season following an ankle operation and he could be joined by talented young midfielder George Slifkas and champion striker Warren Spink.

Slifkas damaged his left knee and was carried off against Sydney Olympic in Round 11, whilst Spink's damaged ankle, which has restricted him to just three first team games this year, is likely to require an operation.

BLACKTOWN CITY have released New Zealand striker Gary Parker, who was signed by despoled De-

mons coach Les Scheinflug only five weeks ago. Lee Sterrey is also about to leave the club.

Socceroo Garry van Egmond has been sacked by his boss after asking for time off work to play against Torpedo Moscow — some patriotism!

As a result of board elections held at Wollongong City's Annual General Meeting, the following have been elected to office:

Chairman Laurie B Kelly, Dep. Chairman Alan Walton, Secretary John Vlietstra, Treasurer Gino Chiodo, Ass. Sec. Treas. Fernando Moriera, Snr. Team Mgr Jack Zanier, Youth Team Mgr George Timov, Groundsman Sam Molinaro, Ass. Groundsman Lou Tobia, Kitman Jess Macchione, Promotions & Pub Michael Prodanovic, Offr Ass Prom & Pub O Robert Zanier, Bar Manager Robert Zanier, Turnstile Mgr Lou Tobia, Chief Steward Gus Prevati (Security & Liaison).

ADELAIDE City will have to make do without Paul Shillabeer and Charlie Villani for some time. Shillabeer has had an operation to remove a growth under this kneecap and Villani also underwent a knee operation.

FANS HAVE THEIR SAY

IT has been suggested by some that St George and Sydney Olympic should amalgamate to form arguably the strongest club in Australia.

Fans agreeing with the amalgamation between Saints and Olympic can VOTE YES by dialling 0055 20526, those disagreeing can VOTE NO on 0055 20527.

The results of last week's opinion line asking who is the team to beat for this year championship resulted in a 64% vote in favour of Marconi.

CARECA OUTED

BRAZILIAN striker Careca injured his foot in training with Italian league leaders Napoli and will be out of action for a month.

Careca, a key figure in Brazil's expected 1990 World Cup side, splintered a small bone in his right foot.



JOHNNY WARREN

HAS HIS SAY

Blissful ignorance

I mention the following here not as criticism but to merely point out the almost total lack of link between senior football and the thousands of kids who play the game in this country.

Not ONE of the 200 odd kids who attended my coaching camps at Gold Creek Homestead in Canberra during the January holiday period could tell me when the Socceroos were playing their next games, let alone where and who would be their opponents.

★★★

Champions Marconi are to be congratulated on many things, none the least being their first class match-day programme.

★★★

Some radio times for football fans where the latest on the world game is discussed:

- ★ Saturday mornings — Gary Corvalth's Sports Show Radio 6PR Perth
- ★ Saturday morning — 2SSFM Canberra from 8am
- ★ Saturday morning — Radio 5AN Adelaide 9.30am
- ★ Monday Afternoon — Radio 5AA Adelaide around 5.30pm

★★★

I often wonder what the great Ferenc Puskas thinks of some of the criticism levelled at him since taking over as South Melbourne coach.

Most of us should be honoured to be in the same room as the great man, yet it seems the "in thing" is to have a go at the greatest former athlete living in this country.

Ferenc, who has forgotten more than we will ever know, is advised on tactics, style of play, fitness levels etc etc, even to the point where a journalist, with absolutely no background in the game at all, told a group of fans, myself among them, that Puskas was taking South Melbourne for a ride, that he was overrated and didn't know what he was doing at Hellas!!

★★★

Italia '90 will feature all previous world champions — Argentina, West Germany, Italy, Uruguay, England, and Brazil.

★★★

FIFA News, the official monthly publication of the world body, is never kind to Australia . . . a recent addition justifies the Oceania winner having to play off for a place in the finals by pointing to the fact that neither Australia (1985) or Israel (1989) was good enough to score one goal against their play-off opponents, Scotland and Colombia respectively . . . Australia losing 0-2 in Scotland and drawing 0-0 in Australia, Israel losing 0-1 in Colombia and drawing 0-0 in Israel.

★★★

VIEWS will vary on the success or otherwise of "summer" soccer, however few



FERENC PUSKAS — "greatest former athlete living in Australia."

can doubt that in the area of the print media "summer soccer" has been a huge success.

I can't recall a period when soccer was given so much well positioned space in the print media, especially when the NSL struggles to attract more than 20,000 fans each week.

Of course, one of the many reasons to go "summer" was to capitalise in this area, what with the absence of the other football codes.

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of other structural changes which have to be made before judging the summer change, like adequate lighting and spectator facilities.

Many reasons have been given for Marconi's increase in crowds in recent seasons.

I would suggest the main reason is a covered grandstand.



Dorin Mateut (left) scores for Dinamo Bucharest against FCM Brasov. His Romanian club will have a new name — Unirea Tricolore — this year.

Glockner back after stint in Melbourne

This week GREG RUSSELL begins his popular Queensland column leading towards the 1990 season.

QUEENSLAND'S 1988 Rothmans Medal winner, Stephen Glockner, has returned to Brisbane from a stint in Melbourne to team up with perennial XXXX League battlers, Taringa Rovers.

It will be the fourth Queensland club for the 25-year-old Glockner, who was a member of the 1983 Young Socceros who went to Mexico.

The former Annerley junior rose to prominence as a teenager playing in the National League with Brisbane City.

He then went to Olympic United where he won the Rothmans after a consistent season which included a host of goals.

Glockner opted for a move to Melbourne in an attempt to get back into the National League. He first trialled with Heidelberg, but did not settle, then moved to Brunswick Juventus.

"Brunswick is a good club and I enjoyed my time there, but Melbourne is not really the place I would like to settle in," he said.

Glockner was chased by a host of XXXX League clubs when it became known he was returning to Brisbane but he opted for Taringa because of the club stability, albeit without any trophy success in eight years of top division football.

"Taringa have been promising a lot for a few years now and I've heard they went well last season," Glockner said. "They've held onto most of their players and have the same coach (Glenn Davis), which to me is an important factor."

Davis, who has been appointed for his third term as Taringa coach, believes Glockner will be the difference which will see Rovers break into the play-offs. Last season Taringa were kept out of the five on goal difference only by Easts, who went on to beat Lions in the grand final.

"Steve's experience will be the biggest bonus," Davis said. "We have always had plenty of youth and enthusiasm, and now we will have someone who can take control in the tight situations."

The signing of Glockner will give Taringa one of the biggest forward lines in the league. His striking partner is likely to be towering forward David Munn, who shone in the latter half of last year, and streaky youngster Shane



Steve Glockner in his Brisbane City days in action against South Melbourne's Steve Blair.

Tollenaire, a state youth representative.

The only setback for Rovers supporters is they may not get to see their new bustling forward line at Speare Park. The club's home ground has been earmarked for council drainage work which could see the field dug-up and Taringa forced to play home games at another venue.

Club president Frank Speare has been negotiating with the Brisbane City Council, but believes that should he be unsuccessful in getting the work postponed to the next off-season, the benefit for the club will come in the long term.

Glockner's signing is one of the few major movements in a Queensland transfer

market which has been strangely quiet so far this season.

North Star are one of the few clubs to be quick off the mark, although a number of other sides, including newly-promoted Acacia Ridge, are understood to have ironed in the fire.

North Star have lured Wynnum targetmen Geoff Maltby and eagerly-chased leftback Nick Seeley to O'Calaghan Park training.

Maltby nearly moved to the premiers last season, but opted to stay with the Wolves until the end of 1989 and leave if they missed promotion. Wynnum finished fourth.

Seeley was one of the most outstanding young prospects in the Second Division last year and was on the shopping list of several clubs, including Lions.

North Star see the young defender as a replacement for former State left back Gordon Buchanan, who indicated last year he would retire but has turned up at pre-season training.

In other possible transfers, the Ridge are talking to Lions pair Rob Farrow and David Hunter and are awaiting the arrival of two overseas imports.

Olympic's Paul and Mark Barry are understood to have gone to lower division club Souths United.

YOUNG PLAYERS!

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Bob West to coach Capalaba

POPULAR Geordie Bob West has been appointed coach of Bayside sleeping giant, Capalaba.

West has been recruited by the lower division club after successful stints at Wynnum, Acacia Ridge and Mount Gravatt.

The club is hoping West can arrest the slide which has seen Capalaba drop to the bottom of Division Three and harness the enormous junior potential in the area.

West comes to Capalaba after gaining his level three coaching badge. His rise to first team coach comes after a hard-working but successful coaching apprenticeship in the lower grades.

West started his coaching career at Mount Gravatt in 1987 where he took the open Colts to runners-up spot in the league. In 1988, he guided Acacia Ridge Division Two reserves to runners-up and a grand final appearance.

Last season, with limited playing depth, he steered Wynnum to fourth place in Division Two and guided them to the preliminary final.

West was attracted to Capalaba by a new-look committee headed by the dynamic Peter Thomson.

"Capalaba is a club which has shown that it is both determined and ambitious in its attitude."

West said, "It has ambitions to match my own."

"My own personal goal is to coach a premier division club and if that club can be Capalaba, then nobody will be more delighted than me."

"This club has a lot to offer and a large population base on which to draw. Ideally, I want to blend a team together for youth and experience, a combination that I have found to be more than successful in the past."

In a change from tradition, the Capalaba committee has appointed West for a three-year term, recognising there is a strong base from which to advance. The committee have guaranteed West and his coaching team their total support.

In return West has indicated that the playing staff and coaches will be setting the highest standards possible.

Although West is yet to appoint his reserve team coach, the Capalaba thirds will be coached this season by club stalwart Ted Coates. The club also is close to appointing a junior director of coaching.

Pre-season training stars at Capalaba on January 23, at 7.30pm. All new and former players are invited to attend.

Queensland's indoor tour of America

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND are up against very experienced indoor teams in the USA on their current tour sponsored by American Airlines when they take on the Tacoma Stars, Wichita Wings, Dallas Sidekicks, Kansas City Comets and St Louis Storm.

The Sidekicks are the defending MISL champions.

"There is a very particular way of playing off the boards as we found out in the Super 6 tournament," Stowell said.

"From the videos of the MISL that I have watched the American teams seem to have mastered it very well.

Tacoma and Kansas have featured prominently in the MISL semi-finals for the past four years.

The Sidekicks last week were beaten 4-3 by Tacoma in a thriller, but still maintained their spot at the top of the Western Division table.

St Louis Storm are third in the Division, fractionally ahead of Tacoma while Wichita and Kansas are second and third respectively in the Eastern Division.

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Coach Bruce Stowell is aware of how tough the tour is.

"In many ways we will be learning as we go, but if everyone plays to the match plan and puts in the running also required, I am sure we will be competitive."

Stowell, and his assistant Mal Bland, have drilled the squad since the tour was mooted early in November

with several players looking fitter now than they did at the end of the XXXX League season.

Of the 10 cut from the squad after trials, several have trained on as

standby players with Stowell stressing that he would not hesitate cutting anyone whose standard dropped.

The tourists even were subjected to a weigh-in when they returned from two weeks off over training.

QUEENSLAND TOUR ITINERARY

JANUARY 22: Versus Tacoma Stars (Tacoma Dome)

JANUARY 23: Arrive Wichita — versus Wichita Wings (Kansas Arena)

JANUARY 24: Arrive Dallas

JANUARY 25: Versus Dallas Sidekicks (Reunion Arena)

JANUARY 26-27: Free days (possibly including golf tournament)

JANUARY 28: Arrive Kansas

JANUARY 29: Training

JANUARY 30: Versus Kansas City Comets (Kemper Arena)

JANUARY 31: Arrive St Louis — versus St Louis Storm

FEBRUARY 1: Depart via Los Angeles

AIS BOSS GOES NORTH
AUSTRALIAN Institute of Sport coach Ron Smith made the most of his recent trip to Queensland.

Smith was invited to Brisbane to be the guest coach on Bruce Stowell's level three live-in course at the Mount Gravatt CAE.

Ron Smith

At the same time he got the best possible look at Queensland's latest crop of youngsters with a squad of 24 talented youth players invited in as the course "guinea-pigs".

The presence of the youngsters was no coincidence. The players, who come from Cairns to the border, are all eligible for the next AIS intake. Stowell considered it an ideal opportunity for them to enhance their scholarship claims by being the working material at the camp.

"It was a learning experience for the coaches on the course and the players," Stowell said. "There are some fine prospects among the group and I think everyone benefitted from them being there. It certainly gave Ron an ideal opportunity to look at the players in high level coaching situations."

The level three was one of the most successful staged by Stowell.

He closed the course with 21 coaches, a 30 percent increase on previous courses.

The aspiring level three coaches include XXXX League players Phil Kerr and Brian MacNicol and former state youth player Glenn Sheppard.

Stowell was assisted by Brisbane director of coaching Mal Bland and Gold Coast director Jim Selby.

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PROMOTING A STATE OF HEALTH

POPULAR Polonia player Eddie Koza played his 200th match on Friday in the Ampol Cup against Azzurri.

Meanwhile clubmen Kurt Leitner and Steve Koutsouvelis are back training but are unlikely to play until the League kick-off.

★★★

THE Ampol Cup night series in SA is bringing some outstanding young talent to the fore.

Croatia's Doug Paterson, Pino Gannetto, Graham Scott and Joe Cuotilo of Azzurri and Adelaide City's Enzo Perre, Paul Pezos and Ron Grasso have caught the eye so far.

★★★

DAVE Martin will have a valuable twin role this season with Second Division Seaford.

He has been appointed junior coach and also fills a supervisory role as junior colts co-ordinator.

Seaford has a good track record of promoting youngsters.

Steve Marsh has been reappointed reserves coach with Dick Griffin assistant to Brown.

Seaford meets Salisbury on Saturday from 3pm in a trial at Brahma Lodge. It will hold a pre-season players' disco on February 24 after travelling to Camden that day to meet Birkalla in its final trial.

★★★

NUGGETY Modbury midfielder Bryan Kent is sporting a kingsize bruise on his ankle after surviving a leg break in the opening Ampol Cup tie against Polonia.

Kent was involved in a heavy collision and it looked as if his leg was broken as he was helped off the field.

But severe bruising and some ligament damage was the outcome and he is back in light training.

★★★

CLUB stalwart John Mann has been appointed coach of boom First Division amateur side Salisbury Inter for next season.

He takes over from Gerry Pettit who now is with Polonia.

Experienced Alan Strain may join the side this year from Apac.

USC Lion-Grange has signed defender Zelko Bilandzic from Port.

He will join Inglewood Kiev striker William Nathaniel and Para Hills pair Dave Conway and John Klein as Lion recruits. Stalwart defender Ian May, though, has retired.

Adelaide Croatia had import striker Ivan Zarbic cleared to play in the holder's opening Ampol Cup match against Salisbury.

Zerbic is likely to play two games in South Australia after gaining immigration clearance but may stay for the season.

Croatia has appointed former player Frank Eddie as reserve team coach.



This sliding tackle by Socceroo defender Alex Tobin robbed Zlatko Arambasic of the ball when Adelaide City beat Blacktown City 2-1 at the Gabbie on January 5.

ACT Coaching Course

TOM SERMANNI

The final part of the ACT's Level Three coaching course will be held on March 17, 18 and 19. ACTSF vice-president Steve Darby announced. There are 18 people on the course, including five from Sydney. Those taking part include Canberra Croatia coach Tom Sermanni, Tony Romero who guides

"The company now

Ampol pledges support

AMPOL's new SA and NT manager Ted Wziontek has pledged the Australian oil giant's continued support of its prestige, pre-season night soccer series.

is in its 31st year of Ampol Cup sponsorship and is well pleased with the support of the SA Soccer Federation, supporters and media here," said Mr Wziontek, 40.

"The competition has gone exceptionally well and we have budgeted to support it again next year."



Mr Wziontek, who took over from Mr Bill Arthur, was at Hindmarsh on Friday for his first glimpse of Ampol action.

A keen watcher of soccer, Mr Wziontek, born in Shanghai of Polish descent, has a sporting background.

He came to Australia at 18 months of age, and has spent most of his time here in Brisbane and Sydney.

He played grade rugby union with Brothers in Brisbane and was a B-grade competitive squash player in Sydney. He also played tennis competitively there and wants to continue in Adelaide.

Best to play Hobart match

BY WALTER PLESS

GEORGE Best will play an exhibition match in Hobart on the evening of Wednesday, January 31, and a huge crowd can be expected to attend.

Best visited Tasmania in July last year and 2000 people turned up at Devonport City's Valley Road ground for the charity match.

Two or three times that number can be expected in the capital city of a State that is starved of international soccer visits.

Best will turn out for the Wrest Point Hotel Casino XI against a British Airways XI which will be managed by former Scottish international Denis Law.

with on the ground support," Mr Marshall said.

"Billy Connolly will be appearing here at the same time, which is good because I believe Billy and George are great mates."

Chris Douramanis, an Olympia official, said that his club's aim was to promote soccer in Tasmania and that, thanks to the assistance of Wrest Point and British Airways, the club had taken up the challenge of bringing Best and Law to the State.

"Our aim is to promote soccer and to give people the opportunity to meet some big stars," Mr Douramanis said.

"Ken Morton must also get a lot of the



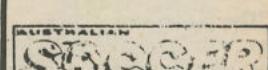
George Best keeps up to date with the latest Aussie news.

credit for initiating the whole thing. He's not only a good coach, but a good organiser."

The two teams contain not only some of the stars of present-day Tasmanian soccer, but also several great names from the past.

Wrest Point Hotel Casino XI squad: Mick Roussos, Brian MacKay, Mark Leszczynski, Ken Morton, Larry Nunn, David Smith, George Best, Alistair Hales, Tommy Wright, David Stoddart, Paul Xanthopoulos, Steve Craven, Harry Stewart, David Crosson and George Parolos.

British Airways XI squad: Eddie Puclin, Ron Di Felice, Ahmad Abdaltam, Eamon Kelly, Dominic Frarracio, Eugene Mycak, John Genovesi, Sergio Pace, Ian Parker, Milan Lakoseljac, Bernard Siggins, Steve Smith, Frank Letec, Nick Lapolla and Billy Kendrick.

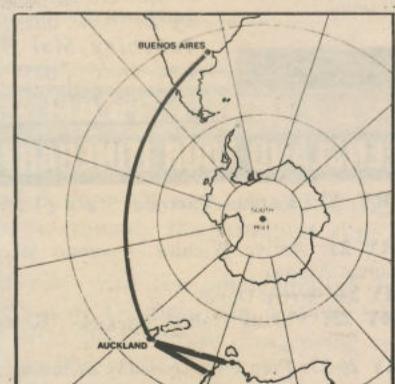
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BY ANDY CURTIS and PETER KONSTO

ST GEORGE 0
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Sydney Olympic nearly scored in the 30th minute when Lou Trianatafilou squared the ball across the face of goal for Pablo Cardozo to miss the ball completely with the goal at his mercy.

on visitors AIS.

Both teams played enterprising soccer and created many opportunities.

In the 15th minute, Cabral for Melita found Pintos on the fly who linked up with Gimenez on the right. Gimenez with a first-time cross found Parison in the centre and his overhead kick merely shaved the AIS crossbar.

In the 40th minute after some good build-up play in the centre by AIS. Trajanovski took the ball into the Melita penalty area. The advancing keeper Marconi pounced on the ball put coughed it back up to Trajanovski whose shot from four metres out was only saved by some desperate Melita defence.

With the scores deadlocked 0-0 at half-time the best chance for a score in the second half came in the 80th minute when Trajanovski again for AIS was put through by the creative Sollad.

His left throughball allowed Trajanovski a clear shot from the edge of the penalty area but again the keeper saved.

MELITA EAGLES: Marco, Souris, Rizzotto, Curmi, Hall, Cabral, Perinich, Pintos, Parison, Gimenez, Aravena, Novokment, Dickinson.

AIS: Juric, Coliba, Romanuk, Pangallo, Sollad, Cranney, Corica, Trajanovski, Maloney, Hillier.

WOLLONGONG 0
SYDNEY CROATIA 2



David Batten

New boy David Batten in the 50th minute and Kardum in the 53rd, steered Croatia to a comfortable win at Brandon Park.

MARCONI 4
APIA LEICHHARDT 1

Marconi shocked leaders Apia with four goals in the 15 minutes prior to half-time to earn a good win.

The first half hour was very even with play based around the midfield and no real chances being created.

However, in the 32nd minute of play, Marconi's Lopez was sent into the clear, on the left, he held the ball up brilliantly, and seeing Villella racing down the middle put a low cross towards the oncoming striker who cracked it from 20 metres to give Butera no chance in the Apia goal.

Eight minutes later Marconi went further ahead when Suzer was sent in the clear on the right. He passed to Messina who shot from the corner of the box to score.

Marconi continued their goalscoring spree when A. Surjan received the ball near the byeline and proceeded to beat three defenders before rifling in an individual goal.

In injury time a Marconi player was pulled down when attempting his shot in the box and Colucci calmly slotted the ball into the net from the penalty spot.

The start of the second half saw APIA come out strongly, keen to pull some goals back and in the 52nd minute they were rewarded after sustained pressure when Schwarzer failed to hold onto a powerful shot from McQuarrie and Reda was there to slot the ball into an open goal.

APIA attacked for long periods in the second half but were foiled by some good defense, plus some excellent goalkeeping from young Schwarzer.

MARCONI: Schwarzer, Cuccio, Surjan, Mamone, Charlwood, Surjan (Clune), Suzer, Colucci, Villella (Lovan) Messina Lopez.

APIA: Butera, Franze, Reyes, Pettenon, Stankovic, Granato, Kdouh, Theodorakopoulos, (Lahanas), Beaufils, Reda, Pisano.

Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA	9	4	3	2	11	9	11
St George	7	4	1	2	11	7	9
Sydney Olympic	7	4	1	2	8	4	9
AIS	6	3	2	1	11	4	8
Melita Eagles	8	3	2	3	7	10	8
Marconi	7	2	2	3	9	7	6
Blacktown City	8	2	2	4	9	8	6
Wollongong City	8	2	2	4	7	10	6
Sydney Croatia	8	2	2	4	9	18	6

Goalscorers

Trajanovski AIS 4, Poric St George 1, Parison Melita Eagles 3, Sorras AIS 3, Cardozo Sydney Olympic 3.

JUNIOR CLUBS AND SCHOOLS

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Socceroo Ian Gray gets his header away against Torpedo Moscow at the Sydney Football Stadium last Friday. The Soviets won 2-0 — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

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Close shave for Melbourne Croatia

BY ROY HAY

MELBOURNE Croatia, with John Markovski, Steve Horvat and new keeper, David Millar, from Adelaide Hellas in the team, just scraped home in the end to win 2-1 against a plucky North Geelong at Somers Street.

Mark Silic put Croatia ahead in seven minutes, finishing off a move which began with Horvat's long ball forward to Josip Bacack, whose cross set up Silic. Horvat scored the second with a close range effort following a corner on the right, but Croatia should have scored several goals in the first half.

Zoran Roso rocked the leaders with a freekick into the top corner two minutes into the second half, and in the dying minutes Miro Stosic's header looped over the keeper and off the bar to safety. In between, Markovski hit the post, but it was North's youngsters who deserve most credit for a gutsy performance in which they matched the big names for 90 minutes.

Geelong City went down at home to Sunshine George Cross by 3-1. Athan Zacharias broke away for George and he then cut the ball back for Jason Farrugia to put the visitors ahead. Fitzpatrick had the ball in the net for City but was flagged offside.

City equalised straight after half-time as Charles Fitzpatrick was pulled back as he ran in on goal. He picked himself up to score with the penalty kick.

In the 80th minute, Kevin Muscat found space to shoot and though Adam Oates in the City goal got a hand to the ball he could not keep it out. Athan Zacharias made George Cross secure with a third solo goal just on full-time.

East Richmond's good home record was dented by South Melbourne Hellas White which won 5-1.

Con Boutsianis returned after injury to score a hat-trick, while Peter Nikolakopoulos and Peter Haloulos netted the others.

Hellas added Michael Michalakopoulos to the line-up which eventually overran the home team. Anastasios Kalantzis scored for East Richmond.

Altona Gate had a comfortable 4-1 win against Heidelberg United at Paisley Park.

Sasha Simovski, Robert Veljanovski, Goran Lozanovski and



John Markovski

Trajce Latomanski shared the Altona Gate goals, but coach, Steve Trajkovski felt it could have been an even more emphatic victory. Heidelberg's consolation goal came from a penalty converted by George Nitsou.

It was one-way traffic at Walker Street as Clifton Hill crashed at home 6-0 against Melbourne City JUST. Tony Markovski scored a hat-trick, Saso Bevincovski got two and Zoran Ovuka one, but it was the unselfish display by Micky Soldatovic which caught the eye as he continually set up his colleagues.

Caulfield City lost at home 3-1 against Preston Makedonia. Joe Markovac, Zdravko Trajkovski and Kris Emsovska were the scorers for Preston, which is now marching up the ladder after an indifferent start.

Caulfield had two players sent off in the first 15 minutes, but the nine men took the lead through Nick Pappadopoulos and Preston only got on top in the last quarter of an hour.

Results

Melbourne Croatia 2 (Silic, Horvat) North Geelong 1 (Roso). Geelong City 1 (Fitzpatrick) Sunshine George Cross 3 (Farrugia, Muscat, Zacharias). South Melbourne Hellas White 5 (Boutsianis 3, Haloulos, Nikolakopoulos). Altona Gate 4 (Simovski, Lozanovski, Latomanski) Heidelberg United 1 (Nitsou). Clifton Hill 0 Melbourne City JUST 6 (Markovski 3, Bevincovski 2, Ovuka). Caulfield City 1 (Pappadopoulos) Preston Makedonia 3 (Markovac, Trajkovski, Emsovska).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne Croatia	9	9	0	0	29	7	18
Altona Gate	10	8	0	2	32	9	16
SMHW	12	7	2	3	23	12	16
Sunshine GC	11	6	3	2	26	19	15
Melb City JUST	11	5	3	3	27	18	13
Geelong City	11	5	1	5	18	23	11
Preston Maked.	9	5	0	4	16	13	10
Nth Geelong	10	4	0	6	23	23	8
East Richmond	10	4	0	6	19	23	8
Heidelberg Utd	11	3	2	6	13	24	8
Caulfield City	10	0	4	6	11	23	4
Clifton Hill	7	1	0	6	3	22	2
SMHB	9	0	1	8	6	30	1

IN an entertaining match at Melita Stadium, home side Melita Eagles took



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Classy Macedonians deserved promotion

A PAUL GOODWIN FEATURE

PREMIERS and a dominant force in Second Division last season, Yagoona-based Sydney Macedonia is expected to prove more than a match for whatever the existing First Division clubs have to offer.

Right from the start the side looked the part and always appeared the team to beat, not allowing themselves to be distracted from the job in hand when the rain brought about severe disruption to their match programme.



Fabian Kadric

back, earning the Clubman of the Year award for his efforts.

The midfield was a potent force with Leon Arcosa and Jorge Fernandez industrious

son the only reversals were against top four rivals Dulwich Hill and Fairy Meadow, both by the odd goal over one weekend at the end of July.

Kadric and Gilbert finished first and third respectively on the overall goalscorers' list for the Division, with the former receiving a special trophy from his own club to mark his achievements.

Training for the new season began on January 5 and everyone associated with the club has high hopes for the new season.

Improvements to the ground at Jensen Park are on the draw-



The all-conquering 1989 Sydney Macedonia squad with coach Frank Lang and officials.

The team, under astute coach Frank Lang, was super-fit, in training from a very early date and had no difficulty coping with the hectic last few weeks when games were played back-to-back over several weekends.

A high level of fitness, or simply good fortune with their low injury tally, helped the team enjoy an almost trouble-free run throughout the year.

The team had a First Division look about it and performed exceptionally well in all departments.

Goalkeeper John Filan, on loan from St George, had a relatively quiet time of it, but managed to impress many with some faultless displays, including his old coach Frank Arok who took over the team for its last few matches when Lang had to return to Hungary.

Billy Pilovski, as sweeper, brought class to the backline and his partner Mark Reveley, also with First Division experience at Melita, was a rock at centre

and full of flair, backing up Sasha Spirovski, another, like Pilovski, recruited from Rockdale, who continued to display a lot of class.

The sheer energy and running of Scott Gilbert and Fabian Kadric caught many a defence off guard and these two helped themselves to a swag of goals.

The club has purchased land behind the ground which could be used to build a clubhouse behind one goal.

In a move sure to please those anxious to see more professionalism in the game, a full-time salaried administrator has been appointed with his chief responsibility being to secure the club's financial position.

Sponsors Truscott's Toyota have doubled their 1989 support to \$10,000, and, with major help from the Macedonian community, the team should manage to meet its increased commitments and challenge strongly for honours in their first attempt at State League First Division football.



There were few poor performances and apart from the 3-1 loss at Bathurst in mid-sea-



Gary Power

Training referees

BY GRAHAM COOKE

A revolutionary plan for the training of young referees has met with "staggering" success, the Referees and Schools Development officer for the NSW Soccer Federation, Gary Power, said.

"The people who have gone through the program are, on average, two years ahead of those who have been trained according to normal methods," he said.

Power, himself a senior NSL official, has pioneered the scheme in the Sydney area.

It involves a trainee official actually taking the field with an instructor during a junior game.

The trainee follows the instructor everywhere he goes, literally learning on the job.

After three games, the learner takes over the whistle, while still under the eye of the instructor who can point out errors and discuss the handling of the game afterwards.

All this is coupled with the more traditional lectures in things like turn-out and handling crowds.

"Our research found that 75 per cent of referees who joined up at 14 had quit by the time they reached 18," Power said. "That was a terrible wastage."

Shinguards this year

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE use of shinguards by players has been made compulsory by the NSW Soccer Federation from the beginning of the 1990 season.

The decision is automatic, as FIFA and subsequently the Australian Soccer Federation have passed on the ruling.

No doubt all other Australian states are also acting in accordance with the FIFA edict.

The purposes of the ruling are:

1. The prevention of leg injuries such as fractures, haematomas and bruises.

2. To limit bacterial and viral infections by preventing the occurrence of open wounds.

Already leg injuries have been considerably limited in countries where the wearing of shinguards is already compulsory.

Many manufacturers have moved into the field, and have finalised their models which have been submitted to Australian football organisations for approval.

An interesting procedure has been laid down to bring in the new order with as little fuss as possible.

Here is the way in which the arrangements will be applied.

Referees will be asked to ensure that players (including sub-



stitutes) are wearing approved shinguards when their footwear is checked before the match.

They are to point out to any player who is not wearing approved shinguards that it is compulsory to do so in NSW Soccer Federation competitions.

If the player refuses to comply with this requirement or removes the shinguards during the game, the referee will be required to report the matter to the Federation. The Federation will then impose the appropriate sanction.

In circumstances where a player claims he is unable to continue wearing shinguards due to an injury sustained, the player will be requested to leave the field, and receive attention for the alleged injury and will be required to replace the shinguard before resuming his place on the field.

Referees who fail to implement these procedures will have points deducted by the match inspector, and will be reported to the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation Executive.

The Best and Law Show

TICKETS for the Power Brewing "George Best and Dennis Law Evening" at North Sydney Leagues Club are selling fast.

The duo have been filling clubs in the UK as they perfect their act ready for their Aussie visit.

Saturday 10th February 7.30pm is the date for the night with a comedian, video clippings, stories and question/answer sessions.

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HUNGARY v DUTCH EAST INDIES	6-0
FRANCE v BELGIUM	3-1
CZECHOSLOVAKIA v HOLLAND	3-0
BRAZIL v POLAND	6-5
ITALY v NORWAY	2-1

ROUND 2

SWEDEN v CUBA	8-0
HUNGARY v SWITZERLAND	2-0
ITALY v FRANCE	3-1
BRAZIL v CZECHOSLOVAKIA	1-1
BRAZIL v CZECHOSLOVAKIA	2-1 (replay)

SEMI-FINALS

ITALY v BRAZIL	2-1
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BRAZIL v SWEDEN	5-1
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ITALY v HUNGARY	4-2
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ITALY: Olivieri, Foni, Rava, Serantoni, Andreolo, Locatelli, Biavati, Meazza, Piola, Ferrari, Colaussi.

HUNGARY: Szabo, Polgar, Biro, Szalay, Szucs, Lazar, Sas, Vincze, Sarosi, Zsengeller, Titkos.

SCORERS: Colaussi (2), Piola (2) for Italy; Titkos, Sarosi for Hungary.

REFEREE: Capdeville (France).

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HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP (FRANCE 1938)

ARGENTINA wished to stage the 1938 World Cup, but in spite of the mounting political tension in Europe, France was chosen — and Argentina would have to wait 40 years for their turn to come.

The competition

attracted 36 entries with 16 qualifying for the finals.

Uruguay, still worried by the crisis of professionalism, again refused to participate, as did a peeved Argentina.

Spain was in the throes of civil war, and Austria, having qualified, were forcibly withdrawn when it was swallowed up by an in-

creasingly belligerent Germany.

No less than 11 of the countries who competed four years earlier were present, and the newcomers were Poland, Norway, Cuba, and the Dutch East Indies.

Champions Italy were thought by manager Pozzo to have a stronger side than in 1934.

Only Meazza and Ferrari survived from that team, and between them Schiavio had been replaced by the powerful Silvio Piola.

A much-changed Hungary, conquerors of Czechoslovakia by 8-3 the previous September, had an inform Sarosi getting good support from the young inside-left Szengeller.

Planicka, Kostalek, Nejedly, and Puc survived from the Czechoslovak side of 1934, and they were well fancied, but Germany, now under Sepp Herberger, were smarting from the 6-3 defeat by England in Berlin only a few weeks before — their first loss in 15 matches.

The straight elimination system was again employed, but after England had refused a generous offer to take Austria's place, Sweden won a bye through to the quarter-finals.

The first round was close fought, with two matches requiring replays and three being decided in extra-time.

Three fancied countries were extended to extra-time by less endowed sides.

At Le Havre, Czechoslovakia were perhaps lucky that the Dutch lacked their leading scorer Bakhuys; Italy were almost upset by gallant



Norway at Marseille; and Poland really surprised Brazil, South America's sole representatives, in a remarkable game at Strasbourg.

Brazil, with six players winning their first cap, took a 3-1 half-time lead, but at the end of 90 minutes Poland had pulled back to 4-4.

In extra-time both Leonidas and Ernest Willimowski took their personal tallies to four goals each, but another by Romeu proved decisive: 6-5.

Two matches went to a replay.

Germany, now fielding four Austrians, were held 1-1 by the Swiss, and in the replay Switzerland came back from 2-0 down to win 4-2 against a side with six new players.

The greatest surprise of the round was Cuba's elimination of Romania in Toulouse, 2-1 after a 3-3 draw.

In the quarter-finals, Italy, with three changes, looked more like champions in beating France 3-1 in front of 58,000 at the Stade Colombes.

Delfour and Mattler were playing in their third World Cup for France but it was Piola, with two goals, who stole the limelight.

Sweden aligned freshness with experience to end the Cuban dream 8-0 at Antibes, with Gustav Wetter-

stroem accounting for half the score.

At the new municipal stadium in Bordeaux, Czechoslovakia took on Brazil in what proved to be the one large blot on the 1938 copybook.

Two Brazilians and a Czechoslovakian were sent off by referee von Hertzka, while Planicka (broken arm) and Nejedly (broken leg) ended in hospital — the latter after he had equalised Leonidas' goal from a penalty.

The match finished at 1-1 after extra-time.

The replay, under M. Capdeville of France, was remarkably well tempered, with only seven players remaining from the first encounter.

Leonidas, one of the two surviving Brazilians, and Roberto erased Kopecky's half-time lead.

For the semi-final against Italy at Marseille two days later, Brazil unaccountably omitted Leonidas and Tim, and paid the price.

In the other game, Hungary exposed Sweden 5-1 at Paris' Colombes Stadium.

The final, watched by 65,000 at Colombes on June 19, was a good one, the Italians playing with speed and energy, the Hungarians with grace and precision.

Colaussi, for the third successive match, put Italy ahead, but a tremendous cheer went up when Titkos equalised less than a minute later.

Meazza, given too much space, then made two goals — one for Piola and a second for Colaussi — and the holders went in 3-1 up at half-time.

Sarosi scrambled one in after the break to raise hopes of a revival, but Piola restored the two-goal difference and Italy had retained the trophy.

The triumph that Benito Mussolini's political order had demanded had been fulfilled.



Brazil's Leonidas, the leading goalscorer of the 1938 World Cup finals.

NEXT WEEK: URUGUAY STUNS BRAZIL

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Around the globe

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- Zico, in this his last season as a player, has been awarded the "Bola de Prata" award by the Brazilian magazine PLACAR. The award honours those Brazilians considered by the publication to be truly world-class.
- Ponte Preta and Ferrovário Ituano have filled the top two spots in São Paulo state's 'B' Division and will play in the São Paulo State League this year.
- Flamengo's talented Brazilian international defender Leandro is out of action for at least six months after being seriously injured in a car smash.
- Predrag Mijatovic has been transferred from Buducnost Titograd to Partizan Belgrade for \$400,000. Mijatovic, 22, is rated by Yugoslav national team coach Ivica Osim as one of the country's top prospects.
- Swedish ace Mats Magnusson is the hot favourite to win this season's European "Golden Boot" award as the continent's top league scorer. At only the half-way mark of the Portuguese competition, he has already scored 20 goals for Benfica.
- Jan Kocek has resigned as president of the Czechoslovakian FA. His replacement is Václav Jíra, a former UEFA vice-president.
- Crack Austrian coach Ernst Happel has renewed his contract with champion club FC Tyrol Innsbruck. He will remain at the helm until 1992.
- Jean-Marc Guillou, a former French international midfielder, is the new president of Mulhouse, Eddie Krnecovic's club.
- Nelsinho, who coached Vasco de Gama to the final of the recently concluded Brazilian National League, has been appointed coach of Brazil's under 17 and 20 national teams.
- The following national associations have been suspended for not fulfilling their financial obligations to FIFA: Antigua, Guinea, Guyana, Laos, Panama, Puerto Rico, São Tomé e Príncipe, St Lucia, St Vincent, Vietnam and Grenada.
- Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) have been readmitted to the Asian Football Confederation. Consequently, they will no longer compete in the Oceania zone in official competitions.
- Polish soccer international Krysztof Budka has signed a contract to play for Belgian First Division club Beveren until the end of the season. The 31-year-old Legia Warsaw defender will join his former teammate, striker Marek Kusto, currently starring for Beveren. The club took an option for next season should Budka prove successful.
- The Hungarian Federation has replaced coach Bertalan Bicskei with former coach Kalman Meszoly. Meszoly, now coaching First Division Vasas, coached the national team during the early eighties.
- Lev Yashin, the legendary Soviet goalkeeper, is undergoing therapy in Israel after the amputation of his left leg.
- The giant South Korean multinational, Samsung, will sponsor Polish team Ruch Chorzów next season — a first for Polish football.
- Bayer Uerdingen have paid \$400,000 for Hannover 96's under 21 West German international striker Siegfried Reich.
- Francesc Miro Sans, who was Barcelona's president between 1953 and 1961, died while watching his club lose to Anderlecht in the second round of the Cup-Winners' Cup final — on television.



Monaco's French international midfielder Marcel Dib in action. His team has drawn Valladolid, of Spain, in the quarter-finals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Anti-hooligan get-together

BRITISH and Dutch police have held their first formal meeting with the Sardinian authorities to discuss a joint anti-hooligan strategy before the World Cup finals in Italy in June.

The three countries' soccer federations have expressed concern about the security problems created by England and Holland being drawn in the same qualifying group in the finals.

A Sardinian police spokesman said the meeting was primarily to establish contacts among the three police forces, but it was agreed that a special unit be set up at Cagliari police headquarters to liaise with British and Dutch anti-hooligan squads.

British and Dutch soccer officials met soon after the World Cup draw in early December and pledged to fight the hooligan problem together.

Sardinian police are expected to put into effect a massive security operation on June 16, the day England play Holland in Cagliari.

Sardinian police have already said they intended to take a tough line with soccer troublemakers and would expel them from the island at the first sign of violence.



GEORGHE HAGI

ROMANIA TO SELL TWO STEAUÀ BUCHAREST STARS

ROMANIA's new government plans to sell two soccer stars to foreign clubs to raise money for sports facilities.

Sports minister Mircea Angelescu said that midfielder Gheorghe Hagi and striker Marius Lacatus would be sold after the World Cup in Italy.

The pair, currently with the army team Steaua Bucarest, the Romanian champions, are highly-rated members of the national side which meets Argentina, the Soviet Union and Cameroun in the first phase of the World Cup in June.

Angelescu said a national salvation plan for sport had been drawn up aimed at in-



Diego Maradona has the world at his feet ... Napoli's Argentine superstar was voted "Footballer of the Decade" by 79 soccer publications in the world.

East German teams may join Bundesliga

AN East German soccer official has proposed that three East German teams join the West German Bundesliga as an interim step toward creating a joint league.

The West German mass-circulation newspaper BILD said the proposal came from Alfons Saupe, president of East German champion Dynamo Dresden.

Saupe proposed that three top East German teams would play in the West German National League for three years as a "temporary solution" until the creation of a joint league, BILD said.

Saupe and Dynamo Dresden manager Bernd Kiessling held talks in Stuttgart with Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, chairman of the league committee of the West German Federation.

The two Dresden officials and Mayer-Vorfelder discussed Saupe's proposal but no decision has been made, according to a statement from VfB Stuttgart club, of which Mayer-Vorfelder is the chairman.

East German Federation spokesman Joerg Neubauer told reporters in East Berlin Saupe's proposal was an old one and

that it was too early for the plan to be discussed in detail.

Saupe told BILD that East German soc-



FRANTISEK STRAKA, a key player for Czechoslovakia, is likely to join Holland's Feyenoord after the World Cup.

According to John Aldridge:

English fans are being victimised



The sad face of English soccer is illustrated in this impressive floral tribute at Anfield Stadium for the Liverpool victims of the Sheffield disaster.

JOHN Aldridge believes England fans are in danger of being victimised by the Sardinian police in June.

The Republic of Ireland and Real Sociedad striker is convinced that the threat to peace at the World Cup will come from the Dutch hooligans and not the English.

And Aldo, Liverpool-born and bred, claims the English get a raw deal whenever they travel abroad.

"I have friends who used to travel as fans

with Liverpool and they still go abroad with England to places such as Sweden and Poland," he said.

"It is the same wherever they go. The English fans get picked on, even when they are the ones who have been intimidated.

"England's supporters are in a no-win situation. They can't just lie down and get battered. They can't just stand there and get cut to pieces when people throw things at them.

"But when the English fans defend them-

selves, it is headline news all around the world. You don't hear so much when fans from other parts of the world misbehave.

"When I was sent-off playing for Sociedad, the fans here went crackers. They were throwing wine bottles at the referee and one missile hit him and knocked him out.

"How often does that happen in England? Recently I heard on cable TV that a Colombian referee had been shot dead and in Holland they have been throwing bombs in the

crowd.

"That sort of thing puts any misbehaviour by English fans sharply into perspective.

"I believe the Sardinian police should be looking out for the Dutch because they are likely to be the ones who start any trouble, not the English.

"But if the England fans are not careful then they will get the blame. I don't want to see the English fans victimised and I just hope they get a fair deal.

"There has never been any trouble, for example, between the Irish and English fans and I'm sure there won't be a problem on that score."

BAD NEWS FOR THON

BAD news for Bayern Munich and West Germany.

Midfield star Olaf Thon had barely recovered from a nine-week lay-off with ligament trouble when he tore another ligament warming up before a 3-1 win over Homburg on his return to the team.



Derek Mountfield raises his arm in jubilation after scoring his seventh goal of the season to put Aston Villa on the road to a 2-0 win over Charlton Athletic in the English First Division.

Thys' "no" to South Korea

GUY Thys, the veteran Belgian who retired as national team boss six months ago, has turned down an offer to coach the South Korean World

Cup despite a big cash offer.

Thys was offered \$520,000 for six months' work.

He says: "I was offered double of what I would earn in a year at

a top Belgian club.

"But I have a nominal contract with the Belgian FA until 1991 and that's enough.

"I don't need the work or the money."

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